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Panel discussion

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Panel members: Tim Allen, Group Managing Director, MJ Allen
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Session 2. 10.15 – 10.45

Readying investment... how to catch your dragon

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Speakers: Phil Beavan, Portfolio Director, Innovation & Growth Team
Elizabeth Dolding, Partner, Warners Solicitors

Session 3. 11.00 – 11.30

Digital Revolution: What's in it for business?

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Speaker: Johnnie Jensen, Success Engineer, Tmandi

Session 4. 11.45 – 12.15

Tweet, greet and network... is social media like Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn worth the investment?

Despite the tremendous growth of business presences on social media sites, such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter etc, there are still many misconceptions about how best to use it. Come and hear from an expert, with many years of experience in this area and dispel some of the myths. Get advice about spending time up front doing analysis, research, goal setting and how having a strategy will make a social media plan easy to execute.

Speaker: Dan Maudhub, Managing Director, Wonderful Creative Agency

Session 5. 1.00 – 1.30

Win the war for talent – getting the best staff

Despite the prospect of job cuts and redundancies, many sectors are struggling with a real shortage of skilled staff. With the green shoots of economic recovery starting to appear, businesses will have to work harder than ever to retain talent, and understand the best way to recruit such staff initially. Come and hear from a leading HR expert, who will offer businesses tips and hints on how to achieve this.

Speaker: Simon Brown, HR Transformation Deployment Director at the Coca Cola Company.

Session 6. 1.45 – 2.15

Manage and inspire... it doesn't have to be a secret

Books and courses are not a panacea to good management, nor do they guarantee that people will be able to put the theory into practice. Come and hear from a motivational speaker, who has over 20 years experience in operational management, sales, change management, training & coaching, personal and organizational development.

Speaker: Neil Annis, Managing Partner, ThinkGap

Session 7. 2.30 – 3.00

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Speaker: Ben Edwards, Marketing Manager, Page Suite

Session 8. 3.15 – 3.45

The Big Debate – what will be the role of business in the Big Society?

David Cameron launched the 'Big Society' to empower communities and said that groups should be able to run post offices, libraries, transport services and shape housing projects. What are the implications of this for businesses and how can they be involved? Come and join a panel session with leading experts from business and social enterprise to hear what they think the future landscape may look like.

Panel members: Celia Richards, Director of Communications, Social Enterprise Coalition
Johnnie Jensen, Success Engineer, Tmandi
Clive Relf, Senior Business and Tax Partner, Reeves & Co LLP



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Leading business at Kent's essential

IN the wake of the Coalition's pivotal Comprehensive Spending Review, Archant KOS Media has pulled together under one roof the essential tools to help business survival and growth in Kent.

Business Week Live (BWL), will be held at the County Showground, Detling near Maidstone on Wednesday November 10 and is an extension of the Business Week media and the news, videos and blogs of www.businessforkent.co.uk.

Apart from crucial timing just three weeks after the CSR and ahead of what promises to be the tricky year of 2011, Business Week Live offers a line-up of more than 20 carefully chosen speakers, business gurus and panellists who can deliver an integrated programme of skilful guidance, advice and tips for the months and years to come.

This impressive array will open up with one of Kent's best known political figures, also one who is well-qualified to deliver a running report on the Coalition's management of the economy.

He is Michael Howard, one-time Conservative Party leader and the former MP for Folkestone and Hythe.

The Tory grandee, who stood down at the May General Election, now sits in the Lords as Baron Howard of Lympne.

He trained as a barrister, but was elected an MP in 1983 and was a minister just four years later, going on to hold the Cabinet posts under Prime Minister John Major including Secretary of State for Employment (1990–1992) and Home Secretary (1993–1997).

In opposition, he was Shadow Foreign Secretary (1997–1999) and Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer (2001–2003) before attempting to lead his party back into office at the 2005 election – a feat achieved



OPENING SPEAKER: Lord Michael Howard.

this year by his successor as party leader, David Cameron.

The advice will then come thick and fast with a programme of panel discussions and speeches on matters as diverse as: sourcing investment – at a time when the banks are making it tough for small businesses; seeking out the best staff to make the most from your precious wages bill; inspirational management; harnessing new technologies and networking such as Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn; how business can work within the Big Society envisaged by David Cameron.

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■ BY MIKE BENNETT

GERMAN train operator Deutsche Bahn will be running daily high-speed services between London and Cologne, Brussels, Amsterdam and Frankfurt by 2013 – but the trains won't be stopping at Ashford International as they race through Kent.

The flagship Intercity 200mph ICE-3 train, operated by the state-run railway, made its maiden run through the Channel Tunnel to St Pancras station last Tuesday.

The firm is planning three daily services taking two hours to Brussels, four to Cologne and Amsterdam, and five to Frankfurt.

However, Ashford passengers hoping for a fast and convenient way to visit several major European cities will be disappointed.

The firm says that, as yet, it has no plans to stop any of the services at the international station.

Commercial leaders in Ashford and beyond are upset at the potential missed opportunity for the town's businesses.

Mrs Jo James, chief executive of Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, said: "The German plan to run a high-speed link to this country is obviously very significant and an encouraging sign for the future of cross-channel communications, be it from the tourism perspective or direct trade links."

"It is very disappointing, however, that the service as envisaged at present does not include serving Ashford International."



"Ashford is a convenient communications hub for much of south east England and already has good trade links with the continent, with many companies operating cross-channel connections, as has been proved by the successful re-instatement of the Eurostar service."

"As the fastest-growing town in the south east, with many overseas companies already in the area and others showing interest in locating here, it does seem that the inclusion of Ashford in the schedule would benefit the

whole area and also enhance the viability of the service from the operator's point of view."

But Ashford's Future has said it will fight the town's corner.

Judith Armitt, managing director of Ashford's Future, said: "Ashford has unrivalled connectivity to the capital and Europe and boasts excellent road and rail links, including the high-speed rail service linking the town to London in

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FARM EQUIPMENT: Valuable tractors are top of thieves' hit list in rural areas, say insurers

Farmers paying the price of rise in rural crime

■ BY ED HILL

THERE has been a sharp rise in rural crime this year – with criminal gangs targeting expensive machinery on farms in remote areas.

Tim Price, a spokesman for National Farming Union (NFU) Mutual, said the UK's largest rural insurer has noticed a rise in rural crime and a sharp increase in the theft of tractors and quad bikes.

He said: "For some time we have been seeing rural crime rising, and we have heard from farmers we insure that they were concerned about criminals getting bolder."

Research from NFU Mutual has shown that the top three items stolen in the South East are quad bikes, tractors – particularly those worth more than £50,000 – as well as diesel and heating fuel.

In May, an £8,000 quad bike was stolen from a farm near Woodchurch, along horse equipment worth £2,000.

Other crimes include the increased theft of metal for scrap, along with catalytic converters being taken from vehicles in rural

locations and puppies being stolen from dog breeders in Bethersden.

A staggering 90 per cent of the NFU agents have reported a rise in rural crime, with 100 per cent of their customers saying they are worried about this issue.

Eighty per cent of farmers believe rural crime in the South East is planned, with 80 per cent of offences being committed by gangs crossing county borders.

Thirty per cent of these offenders are believed to have local knowledge, leaving 50 per cent exploring areas to find targets.

Mr Price said: "The most common theft is of farm machinery, which nationally cost the farming industry £30 million in 2008, but rose to £42 million in 2009."

"A lot of the machinery is being exported, so for this reason thieves target the South East as it is easier to get to ports there."

NFU Mutual compiled its Rural Crime Survey from claims made through its 300 offices between January and June this year.

Chief Superintendent Neil Jerome, from Kent Police, said: "Every piece of information can help with our investigations. The impact of rural crime is significant and we encourage everyone to report any suspicious activity to police."

Other operators show interest in using Tunnel

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 just 37 minutes, and direct services to Paris, Brussels and Lille.

"We welcome the news other operators are expressing an interest in running high-speed rail services from London to other parts of mainland Europe and have requested a meeting to ensure some services will stop at Ashford."

Meanwhile, Deutsche Bahn is preparing to set up its new services.

The rolling stock is on order and the company is confident it will get approval to operate from the Channel Tunnel Intergovernmental Commission.

To do so it must be approved by safety authorities, and the company completed emergency evacuation tests of 300 volunteer passengers into the escape tunnel under the Channel at the weekend.

At present, the only passenger services through the Channel Tunnel are run by Eurostar. But Eurotunnel, which sells access to train companies, says it has about 50 per cent spare capacity.

Deutsche Bahn says it is committed to introducing high-speed services between London and Germany, and expects them to start by the end of 2013.

Pensioner injured as robber takes her bag

A PENSIONER has been attacked in a robbery in Bockhanger Lane in Kennington.

The incident took place at about 1.30pm on Thursday, October 21.

The 78-year-old woman had returned from shopping and was unloading shopping bags from her car, which was parked in her drive.

She was pushed to the ground from behind and her handbag, containing cash, was pulled from her arm.

The woman sustained bruising to her face and a graze to her hand.

The robber is described as male, dark skinned, 6ft tall, stocky and in his mid-40s. He was wearing a blue hooded anorak.

DI Angie Hobbs said: "I am keen to speak to anyone who may have seen a suspicious man in the area, or has information that will help the investigation."

If you know anything about the robbery call police on 01622 690690, and quote crime reference FY/16831/10 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Appeal after £40,000 theft of computers

THIEVES have stolen £40,000 pounds worth of computers from a business premises near Homewood School in Tenterden.

The Apple iMac computers were stolen from the building in Ashford Road on the night of October 16/17.

Two burglars broke into the building. One is thought to have been wearing white trainers and tracksuit bottoms with a white stripe down the leg. The other wore lighter clothing. Both were the same build and height, and they may have at some point been wearing balaclavas.

DC Heather Moore said: "We understand that 40 computers were taken, and it would have taken some time to remove them from the building and load them into a vehicle."

"I am keen to speak to anyone who may have seen suspicious persons or a vehicle in the vicinity of Homewood School during the time frame of this incident."

If you have information that will assist police, call 01622 690690, and quote crime number FY/16625/10.

Two arrested after murder of farmer

TWO men from Ashford have been arrested in connection with the murder of a farmer at his home in East Sussex.

Julian Gardner, 53, suffered multiple injuries after disturbing intruders at the isolated Bush Barn Farm in Robertsbridge on October 11.

It is suspected he may have been crushed between two cars by burglars who had broken into his agricultural machinery and car repair business.

On October 16, a 40-year-old man from Ashford was arrested in the town and taken to a custody centre in Eastbourne to be interviewed. On Friday, October 22, a 29-year-old was arrested in connection with the case.

Both men have now been bailed until the end of November.

After the attack police found a burnt-out Jeep Cherokee in Sandhurst, Kent, which had been at Mr Gardner's business.

They also found a Land Rover Defender owned by Mr Gardner burned out at Cripps Corner, near Battle.



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Old church vandalised with neo-Nazi graffiti

■ BY ED HILL

SWASTIKAS and racist slogans have been plastered over an ancient church near Ashford.

St Mary's Church, a preserved ruin next to the picturesque lake on the edge of Eastwell Manor estate, was sprayed with swastikas and anti-semitic slogans along with swear words and images of skulls.

Police have been unable to confirm whether the vandalism is the work of a lone fanatic or a larger neo-Nazi group.

The damage took place some time between October 1 and 15.

The church, just off Lenacre Street, is owned by the Friends of Friendless Churches trust, which looks after formally neglected church buildings.

Sad

Its director Mathew Saunders said: "Whoever did this is a pretty sad person. They are trying to draw attention to themselves. They have just chosen a symbol that they knew would horrify the thinking world."

"The whole point of preserving the church is because it's meant to be an oasis of peace and quiet. It's really sad that someone feels such anger and has to vent it on an ancient Christian site that has been associated with gentle worship for 700 years."

The damage to the listed building, which is popular with dog-walkers and anglers, will be costly to remove.

Mr Saunders said: "It is very offensive and we will get it removed as soon as possible."

"We have a professional mason looking at it because it has to be removed in a way that does not damage the fabric of the building. We have to remove it completely and there is ancient render that may have to be removed."

The trust recently completed major conservation work on the building



VANDALISM: Offensive graffiti painted on St Mary's Church includes Swastikas and skulls

which featured in a book about its work. The grounds are still consecrated and occasional services are carried out at the site in the summer.

Mr Saunders said: "We've just finished work on the chapel and tower which makes it even more galling. To make a church a canvas for spreading racial hatred is appalling. This is not how we expected to have to allocate our very limited resources."

Police say they are still investigating the tag marks left by the vandals and cannot say if a fascist group or

teenagers committed the vandalism.

It is hoped someone might recognize the tags and markings of the graffiti to help police track down those responsible.

DC Matthew Avery from Kent Police said: "All graffiti is vandalism, however, to do this to a church, even if in ruins, is despicable behaviour."

If you know anything about the graffiti, contact police on 01622 690690 and quote crime reference FY/16637/10 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Fears over church builders' waste

AS works gets underway to convert St Mary's Ashford parish church into a multi-use arts centre, adjacent residents are living in fear of fire and further vandalism caused by builders dumping piles of waste material.

Spokesman Jeremy Adby is angry that rubbish removed from the ancient building is being piled up with no respect for the graves.

After catching two men he watched climb the railings and sift through the rubbish piles, he has complained to the Health and Safety Executive and Ashford council asking for action.

He said: "My fear is that items from this building site could be used to damage our homes only yards away. There is also a real fear the piles could be set alight."

"I accept that the work has to be done but the builders do have a secure compound where the rubbish should be kept until it is removed from the site."

Remembrance service moved

CONVERSION work at St Mary's parish church means this year's Remembrance Day service will be held in the Bank Street Centrepiece instead.

Wreath laying and the minutes' silence to remember the fallen will be held as usual at the Memorial Gardens in Church Road at 11am on Sunday, November 4.

The service conducted by the Rev Richard Grocott will follow from 11.30am in the Methodist church.

He will be assisted by the Rev Colin Preece from the parish church and pastor David Lamb from Ashford Christian Fellowship.

Sun on mirror starts house fire

DISASTER was narrowly averted after sunlight focussed by a concave make-up mirror set light to a wicker basket, destroying a bedside cabinet.

Brenda McCormick, 57, of Hawks Way, South Ashford, returned home after her two-hour East Kent Health Walk stroll from Kennington to Victoria Park to hear her smoke alarm sounding.

She said: "I had been putting on my make-up in the spare bedroom using the mirror before going on the organised walk with a friend. I am very safety conscious and it never occurred to me that the sun could cause a fire, especially at this time of the year."

"It was sheer luck that I came home to get ready to go to my part-time job as a receptionist and there is

no doubt that I was incredibly lucky. I was unharmed and my home escaped serious damage."

"After I parked my car I could hear the alarm, but there were no neighbours around to be alerted. I opened the door to be faced with dense smoke. It had obviously been smouldering for some time and had destroyed the chest of drawers, all my make-up and singed the walls."

Her husband is a long-distance lorry driver who works away from home all week. She managed to contact him in Hull to break the news and assure him both she and their home were safe.

When alerted, fire crews from Ashford and Charing quickly had the situation under control.

Crew manager Michael Pitney, in

charge at the scene, said: "Incidents like this really do highlight the fact that fire can start when you least expect it. Mrs McCormick was very unlucky to have a fire of this nature, but, fortunately, the outcome was a lot less serious than it could have been."

"When she realised there was fire in her home she did all the right things, she left her home, called us straight away and gave us all the information we needed for a fast response. She had also fitted a smoke alarm in her home which gives you valuable early warning that fire has started."

Mrs McCormick, said: The firefighters who attended were brilliant and I was very grateful for their assistance and support."

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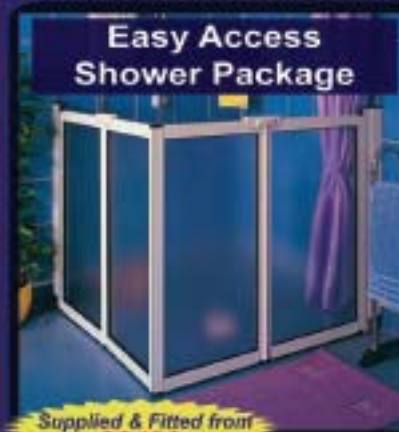
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Free solar panel scheme to help council cut costs

■ BY MIKE BENNETT

DESPITE the government funding cuts, Ashford council tenants could get free solar panels to help cut their fuel costs.

Ashford council is set to embark on a ground-breaking scheme to reduce its carbon footprint, and agreed to spend £60,000 on consultants for a pilot project.

Members of the executive cabinet agreed to investigate providing council-owned properties with solar panels to reduce tenants' bills and, they hope, provide the council with income from supplying power to the national grid.

It is expected that homeowners could make savings of up to £150 a year from electricity generated from the solar panels, and public buildings could benefit from free electricity during daylight hours. The first panels could be installed and providing power by March 2012.

The proposal came from the new Environmental Forum, set up to identify practical projects it believes could save the local economy £900,000 a year in electricity costs a year.

By introducing the measures, manager Paul McKenner claims it will reduce both the number of residents in fuel poverty and the carbon footprint of the borough.

Forum chairman and Portfolio holder for environmental services, Cllr Gerry Clarkson, said: "This is a marvellous chance to help reduce people's, and potentially, council bills as we hope to roll out the initiative to other council assets such as the Civic and Stour Centres."

Housing portfolio holder, Cllr Neil Bell, said: "This is a great opportunity to reduce the borough's carbon footprint, to enhance council housing stock, and help our tenants by reducing utility bills.

"Although we are starting with council housing, we see this as the beginning of a larger programme that can ultimately bring economies to others, such as private householders and local businesses."



SOLAR PANELS: Tenants could cut their energy costs

The scheme is being generally welcomed by the Green Party.

Spokesman Steve Dawe said: "One of the basic ways in which the public sector might become more efficient, rather than cutting jobs, is to ensure that every council-owned property has renewable energy technology such as solar water heating or solar photovoltaic panels.

"The first will involve spending about £3,000 per typical unit, but will pay for itself in about four years due to high gas prices. Such units are guaranteed for 20 years, but will probably last longer.

"Solar PV is more expensive per panel (£1,000 to 2,000) but will pay for itself in 10 years or so if the current Government maintains the feed-in tariff at its current level. Solar PV is also becoming cheaper all the time, thanks to economies of scale.

"Combined with good insulation, every council property can cut energy use, reduce dampness and could even become a net electricity contributor if enough Solar PV panels are installed."

Plant trees to brighten your area

BRIGHTEN up Ashford borough and improve the environment this autumn by planting a free tree.

The Kent free tree scheme offers individuals and organisations up to 25 native trees each, free of charge. All you have to do is collect them, plant them and care for them as they grow.

The trees are available for use in gardens, schools, village greens, allotments or local open spaces and include beech, cherry, field maple, hawthorn, hazel, holly, and mountain ash.

It is easy to apply for your free trees, and make your personal contribution to the local environment, as 25 trees can absorb up to 7 tonnes of CO2 in their lifetime.

The trees are two- to three-year-old 'whips', typically up to a metre tall.

Twenty-five trees will easily pack into a bin bag and fit into the boot of a car. They can be planted as single trees or used to create a woodland copse or hedgerow.

Cllr Gerry Clarkson, Ashford council portfolio holder for environmental services is urging people in Ashford to snap up the trees before they all go.

He said: "The scheme is brilliant. I would thoroughly recommend it. Trees can add warmth to gardens, community grounds and open spaces. They make a beautiful backdrop, are vital for wildlife, and also help reduce carbon levels.

"I'm also a firm believer in planting home-grown native species whenever possible, which is another reason why I think this scheme is so worthwhile."

Closing date for applications is October 31.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Wine's boost to hospice

TENTERDEN Vineyards is backing Demelza Hospice Care for children with a unique sparkling wine created to help raise cash for the charity.

Guided by head wine maker Andrew Parley, hospice chief executive Ted Gladdish helped produce Demelza Fizz, the profits of which will go to the charity.

It is based on Chapel Down's award-winning Pinot Reserve 2004 and blended with Pinot Noir dosage to create a fruity pink fizz.

Chapel Down managing director, Frazer Thompson, said: "We are thrilled to be able to work with Demelza. It is an opportunity for us to provide our time and expertise in order to help a fantastic charity."

Demelza provides hospice care for more than 600 children with life-limiting illnesses and their families and relied almost entirely on fundraising and donations to raise the £7 million a year needed to run its services.

Ashford's Future unclear

THE prospects for Ashford's Future – the body tasked with spending the district's growth area cash – remain in doubt.

At the full council meeting last Thursday, leader Paul Bartlett said: "There is a £40 million investment in Ashford now. With regards to the spending review, it is too early to fully identify the impact of reduced government funding".

But with a return to more local decision making, he admitted the position of Ashford's Future was still unclear, with a meeting of funding partners planned to re-assess future growth and how money is spent.

Mayor's charity donations

FOUR local good causes will be getting a cash boost from former Mayor Cllr John Holland's efforts during his year in office.

His Mayor's charity raised a total of £8,630.28, and on Monday, trustees agreed £4,315.14 be donated to Macmillan Nurses, £2,589.08 to Ashford Access, and £863.02 each to Ashford Vale horses for the disabled and Ashford Dart Academy, helping to improve young people's literacy.



Cllr John Holland

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Wye not take part in junior football?

KEEN young soccer stars in Wye may have to stop playing competitive games unless they can find some more youngsters to join them.

The under-11 Wye Juniors team needs to recruit a few more up-and-coming Rooneys and Lennons so it can continue to field a side in the local league.

"Wye Juniors has a strong history of success over recent years," explained coach Kevin Barlow. "Our under-12s were cup winners and league runners up last year in the Ashford and District Youth Football League and the under-15s gained promotion to Division One of the East Kent Youth Football League.

Game

"We only set up the U11 side this year and although we have lots of keen players, we are struggling to field both under 10 and under 11 sides each Saturday.

"At the moment we have a mixture in the under-11s team, but we have decided to play all the under 10s in their correct age group after half term, and that will leave us a bit short of Year 6, under-11 players. I am sure there are plenty of youngsters out there who would enjoy a game - we just need to let them know that we are here."

Wye Juniors FC, which is open to both boys and girls, is an FA Charter Standard club. The youngsters currently train on Friday afternoons and normally play local matches on Saturdays.

Youngsters of all abilities are welcome and the emphasis is on enjoying the game and developing new skills.

For more information contact Kevin on 07860 663697 or email kevin.barlow@kadant.com.

Ambulance quartet's Mongolian charity epic

■ BY MIKE BENNETT

A WILLESBOROUGH student is back from an epic three-month adventure travelling through some of the most remote regions of the world on a 10,000-mile charity challenge to Mongolia.

Former Friars School, Great Chart, pupil Christian Kortland, 22, from Kennington Road, was joined by a trio of student friends from Reading University for the mad-cap challenge and raised £2,700 for orphan's charity the Christina Noble Foundation and testicular cancer charity Everyman.

After entering the annual Mongol Rally they set off to drive across Europe, through Iran, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Russia and across 400 miles of the barren Gobi desert, towards Mongolia in July in an old ambulance they bought online for £600.

But after 8,600 miles the Ford Transit vehicle started to overheat in Iran, leak oil and diesel in Turkmenistan and lose power in Kazakhstan, and it broke down beyond repair shortly before the Russian border.

Despite efforts to get it repaired and five days push-starting it they appeared to be beaten until another team towed them to a town so they could sell the ambulance for its remaining



CHALLENGE: Christian Kortland and three friends travelled 10,000 miles to Mongolia in an ambulance for charity

working parts, and agreed to let them join a team in an even older ambulance to complete the journey.

Sadly this broke down too and both teams ended crossing the finish line in the Mongolian capital Ulan Bator on the back of a tow truck.

Christian, who was nominated as the team recovery expert, said: "It was an experience of a lifetime seeing so many different cultures. The Iranians were the friendliest people we met and we received a warm welcome."

They had planned to donate the ambulance to a local hospital.

"Unfortunately we were forced to leave our ambulance when the head gasket blew. And then disaster struck again when we hitched a lift and the shock absorbers broke and we were forced to travel the final 12 hours on a tiny truck.

"Despite that we saw many fantastic sights and gained much-needed mechanical skills."

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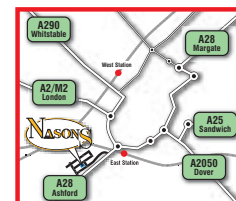


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QUESTION & ANSWER

KEITH TAYLOR



Q How did you first get involved in the Green movement?

A In 1996, Sainsbury's wanted to build a massive hypermarket smack bang in the centre of Brighton, and it struck me as a truly awful idea. I thought the land could be put to much better use than simply providing yet another place from which to buy baked beans. Certainly the new Labour-controlled council weren't looking after the interests of local people when they failed to direct development towards more human-scale projects. So, with my children as older teenagers, and after earning a living working for myself, I took my first steps into community activism. Working alongside the community, we succeeded in getting Sainsbury's thrown out. I was then invited to join the Green Party and stand as a city councillor in Brighton and Hove – and was subsequently elected in 1999. Since then, things have progressed dramatically; support for Green ideas has grown and the party's membership has increased. Now I'm a Member of the European Parliament, representing 11 million people in the South East of England.

Q What are the most important environmental issues affecting Kent and the South East?

A People in Kent and the South East face a number of environmental challenges. I think the most important are air pollution, a shortage of natural resources, climate change and rising sea levels, and unsustainable, poorly insulated

housing. The consequences of the South East being the economic powerhouse of the UK have been too many new roads, too many airport runways and too much overdevelopment in general. I think conservation is a key issue for many people – protecting our natural habitats and wildlife for future generations.

Q Do you think your position in the European Parliament has more influence on environmental issues than if you were an MP in Westminster?

A Yes, I think so. It's certainly true that much of the UK's environmental legislation is directly related to EU law. As a member of the European Parliament's fourth largest political grouping, the Greens-EFA Group, I have a real opportunity to influence environmental law – as well as working on policy across a huge range of areas such as GM food, international trade and human rights. Democracy in the EU institutions doesn't always work as well as it should, but when it comes to the environment, joined-up thinking and collective action is crucial.

Q What are your thoughts on the possibility of building a new nuclear power station at Dungeness? Locally, some people would welcome the new jobs.

A I oppose the idea of a new nuclear facility at Dungeness on the grounds of safety and cost. The Greens have always been clear on this: nuclear is unsafe and incredibly expensive – and certainly not the solution to our energy needs or to climate change. Even aside from the concerns

about the safety and security of nuclear facilities like Dungeness – which evidence has shown are highly justified – the cost of decommissioning and dealing with nuclear waste is breathtaking. We can create more jobs in green industries, but the Government needs to seize the low carbon opportunities now. Just look at the new offshore wind farm at Thanet. We need to see far more investment in those kinds of clean energy projects.

Q Can the conflicts between business and being green be resolved?

A Yes, of course – they have to be! The perception that Greens are anti-business is just plain wrong. We want more support for independent traders, small businesses and entrepreneurs. There are so many commercial opportunities in creating a low-carbon economy. We need to work alongside industry and commerce and use regulatory powers effectively to channel investment into the right places. The Green Party has long called for a Green New Deal – a revolutionary investment programme to create millions of new jobs in sectors like renewable energy, energy efficiency and emerging green technologies. The Greens want public money to be used for the good – not to bail out irresponsible bankers and prop up a fundamentally corrupt financial system. We want to create a society that is both fair, with a living wage for all and progressive taxes, and environmentally sustainable.

Q & A

Keith Taylor, Green MEP for the south east, spoke to **Ed Hill** about how he became involved with the Greens, the environmental issues affecting the area and what he thinks about a new power station at Dungeness

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Half-term sports fun for little 'uns

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From Monday, to Thursday, October 25-28, a range of activities will be on offer at the Stanhope Road facility, including tennis, football, netball, kwik cricket, athletics and Wii Sports.

There is also some new equipment available for croquet, target games, garden board games and much more.

Courses run from 10am-3pm and are available to children from reception classes up to year six. The cost is £12 a day, but places must be pre-booked to avoid disappointment. To book or for enquiries email emma.knight@ashford.gov.uk or call 01233 896511.

Families invited to play area opening

KENNINGTON youngsters are being invited to celebrate their play area's fresh new look at a family fun day next week.

Ashford Council has added three new exciting pavement games to the play area, behind the Bybrook Road flats in Bockhanger, and also spruced up the existing swings and multi-unit.

The new games are colourfully marked out in the area's boundaries, and there are rules boards telling users how to play the games safely.

The family play day will be held at the site on tomorrow from 10am to noon.

The project has been funded by BIG Lottery Go4 Play, the borough council's housing department, Bockhanger Community Group.

Camilla to unveil statue honouring heroic WWII pilot

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

THE Duchess of Cornwall will visit the Battle of Britain Memorial at Capel-le-Ferne next week to unveil a statue of heroic pilot Sir Keith Park.

The royal occasion marks the climax of a series of events to mark the 70th anniversary of Churchill's 'The Few' who defended the country against Nazi invasion during the World War Two.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Park commanded the RAF's 11 Group Fighter Command, the squadrons which bore the brunt of the Battle of Britain, and has been credited as one of the men whose leadership and vision helped to deny the Luftwaffe victory.

Chief of the Air Staff at the time, Lord Tedder said in 1947: "If ever any one man won the Battle of Britain, (Park) did. I don't believe it is realised how much that one man, with his leadership, his calm judgement and his skill, did to save not only this country, but the world."

The sculpture was commissioned by the Battle of Britain Memorial Trust with the support of donations including from entrepreneur Algy Cluff, who spearheaded the fundraising drive.

The memorial is home to a statue of a lone airman looking out to sea at the centre of a pro-

peller, which is marked out on the ground and can be seen from the air.

The site also features the Sir Christopher Foxley-Norris Memorial Wall, which lists the names of the nearly 3,000 aircrew who took part in the battle, and replica Spitfire and Hurricane fighters.

Chairman of the trust Richard Hunting CBE said: "The bust of Sir Keith Park will be another attraction for visitors and will highlight the work of one man whose efforts helped to defend these shores in 1940."

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"We are absolutely delighted to be welcoming Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall to unveil the statue and we hope that members of the public will take this opportunity to visit the memorial."

The bust of Sir Keith has been sculpted by Will Davies, a graduate of City & Guilds of London Art School and who received a craft scholarship from The Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust.

The Battle of Britain Memorial Trust recent-



ROYAL APPOINTMENT: Camilla, The Duchess of Cornwall will unveil Sir Park's bust at the Battle of Britain Memorial

ly unveiled plans to raise £650,000 to build a new learning centre at the site, with the aim of keeping the memories of The Few alive long after the veterans themselves have passed.

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A rich online tapestry of history

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

HISTORIC documents containing centuries-old information on Kentish towns have been made available for the first time on the internet.

Developed by technology experts at the National Archives, the interactive Domesday Book contains all the data collected as part of William the Conqueror's great survey of England in 1086.

Visitors to the website can input their postcode and discover the original names and landowners of some of Kent's biggest towns, including Meddestone (Maidstone), Fulchestan (Folkestone) and Favreshant (Faversham). They can also purchase individual pages of the Latin book, along with an English translation, for £2 a time.

In addition, the new resource has been tied in with the UK History Photo Finder, which enables visitors to view more than 14,000 photographs taken by J Dixon Scott in the 1920s and 1940s.

"The site enables us to experiment with innovative features that can open up our records in new ways to a wider audience,"



SCREENSHOT: The Domesday Book is available to view and download through the National Archives

said technology director David Thomas.

"The Domesday Book is unique. There's nothing else like it in the world from that date. It's one of our oldest records, but thanks to technology we've made all of its rich history available to anyone online.

"It provides a detailed survey for most of the country and tells us a lot about the land-lord structure and feudal laws, as well as local ecology, farming, woodland and so on."

Mr Thomas added: "There's a strong interest in local history and now we can access a

big part of it at the touch of a button. We can also refine our searches if we want to find out all the places with Viking names, all the places named after animals and so on.

"Making the book available online brings it to many more people and makes it much more accessible."

Meanwhile, the accompanying photographs by J Dixon Scott were captured during the course of his tours of the UK.

He took thousands of snapshots of landscapes, towns and people, building a portrait of British life in the inter-war years. The vast collection includes many pictures taken of historic landmarks in Kent, including Chatham Dockyard.

Visit www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/labs.



GATEWAY: UK History Photo Finder has J Scott Dixon's inter-war years photos, including Chatham Dockyard, above

Olympics to hijack high-speed lines

HIGH-speed train services could be derailed during the 2012 Olympics when organisers of the Games take control of the Kent timetable.

As part of its franchise agreement with the Government, rail operator Southeastern will give up use of the 140mph bullet trains so they can instead be used to ferry spectators between St Pancras, Stratford near the Olympic park, and Ebbsfleet International.

The move could cause severe disruption for other commuters throughout the event as well as hinder Kent's ability to add to the six Olympic and Paralympic teams already signed up to hold pre-Games training camps in the county.

"It seems rather perverse for the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) to be able to take the high-speed service over, especially when we already have teams starting to locate in Kent," said North Thanet MP Roger Gale.

The opening ceremony of the London Olympics will take place on July 12, 2012, with the Games starting the following morn-

ing and lasting for 17 days. There will then be a 16-day interlude before the 11-day Paralympics begin on August 29.

Southeastern trains will be removed from regular service throughout the course of the Games but a final timetable is not expected until early next year.

Spokesman Jon Hay-Campbell said the rail operator will look to provide passengers with a "reasonable and appropriate" form of compensation in the event that high-speed services in Kent are severely disrupted.

He added: "There is a risk the ODA will want to use all of the trains the whole time the Olympics are on."

"It's the worst-case scenario but if there are no trains at all then we would have to look at if we can provide compensation."

Tunde Olatunji – Kent manager for the rail watchdog Passenger Focus – said: "We have raised the issue of compensation for passengers affected and expect to have further discussions with Southeastern once we know what the new timetable will look like."

Otter revival bypasses busy Kent

KENT has been singled out as the worst place in the UK for otters to thrive.

Blame has been put on the density of development and growth in the county, creating too many dangerous road and rail crossings.

That's the claim from the Environment Agency, which has found the once-endangered otter is now found in decent numbers in every English county except Kent.

Otters almost disappeared in the 1970s after pesticides brought their numbers to near extinction levels. With those chemicals now banned, they are thriving once again in rivers across England.

Tom Reid, a technical specialist on the agency's fisheries, recreation and biodiversity team, said: "There is a suggestion there are otters in the River Medway, but the population is so small it is probably not sustainable. But there have been no sightings for three years. We have had no sightings on the River Stour for some time."



RIVERBANK: But Kent is the only otter-free English county

Mr Reid said movement is the main problem in Kent because of the many road and rail crossings over rivers. Young otters need to move on to find their own homes, and are being killed en route, he said.

"A solution would be to install safe crossings for otters when new development is taking place. We have fantastic water quality and good fish populations, so there is nothing wrong with the environment, it's just the problems they have reaching these areas."

Jon Bramley, of the Kent Mammal Group, said: "It really is down to having money available to pay for these crossings."

"In some cases it would be quite easy to drill tunnels under roads and put a pipe in. It doesn't disrupt the road, and provides a relatively simply way for otters to get across."

"But it is down to a lack of finances. Perhaps it will improve in future, but that is the situation we find ourselves in now."

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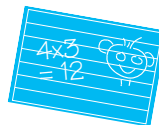
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BREAK TIME

Ashford school is at art of exhibition

THE latest exhibition at The Art Room is by pupils at Ashford School.

Entitled 'The Great British Seaside Holiday' this exciting selection of GCSE and A level work is currently on display.

Emma Dove from the gallery in North Street says she is delighted to be involved in a joint event with Ashford School.

She said: "Their Art Department prides itself on the high standard of work that is produced throughout all age groups."

The school aims to deliver a rich and varied art education by introducing pupils to many artistic disciplines.

For exhibition information visit www.theartroomashford.co.uk.

Pupils have designs on road safety

LOCAL primary pupils are being encouraged to back efforts to reduce traffic speed outside their schools to 20mph or less.

Youngsters aged between three and 13 are being invited to design banners to hang outside their school to raise awareness of the dangers for this year's Road Safety Week in November.

The winning school will receive a giant banner of their design plus 300 high-visibility drawstring bags with the individual winner receiving a personalised Road Safety Week high visibility vest.

The campaign is backed by Trudy Baker and Simon Bailey, owners of Ashford-based school uniform and promotional gift specialists Recognition Express Ashford & The Weald.

New campaign is bringing student road safety to light

■ BY ED HILL

A NEW road campaign was launched at Homewood School in Tenterden recently.

The 'B-Viz' campaign from Kent Highway Services (KHS) is aimed to raise awareness of the benefits of making yourself visible to drivers.

The launch at Homewood targeted 11 to 16 year-olds. The campaign uses the popularity of street dance and urban music to convey the road safety message.

The 'Time to Shine' dance illustrates the key message that wearing bright and reflective materials during the autumn and winter months could save your life.

Street dancer, Nick Numas and the KHS road safety team will tour many secondary schools in Kent, focusing on districts where most young cyclists and pedestrians have been injured in the past. The number of casualties involving cyclists and pedestrians within this age group remains the highest amongst people of any age for these road user groups in Kent.

As part of the KHS campaign, Nick and the team stage a dance sequence wearing brightly coloured, fluorescent, and reflective materials.

Light will be cut plunging the audience into darkness. At a key point, high-powered headlights are switched on and illuminate the reflective material highlighting the movements of the dancer.

This creates a dynamic feel to the dance and also directs the message to students about the importance of being seen.



MUSICAL MESSAGE: Urban music and street dance will illustrate the key message that wearing bright and reflective materials during the autumn and winter months could potentially save the lives of school children

David Brazier, Kent County Council deputy cabinet member for highways, said: "A combination of clocks going back, shorter daylight and dark clothing always makes pedestrian and cyclists visibility a concern at this time of year. This campaign perfectly illustrates how something as simple as making a decision on what clothing you wear could potentially save your life."

Steve Horton, Kent Highway Services road safety team leader said: "Many school uniforms

are dark, making it very difficult for drivers to see young people when they are near the road. Part of the campaign is to suggest small inexpensive ways to make students more visible and therefore a little safer on the road."

The campaign is targeting outreach activities to over 100 Secondary Schools in Kent. Over a third of schools will be targeted by guest appearances by Nick. All schools will receive a 'B-Viz - Time to Shine' road safety pack.

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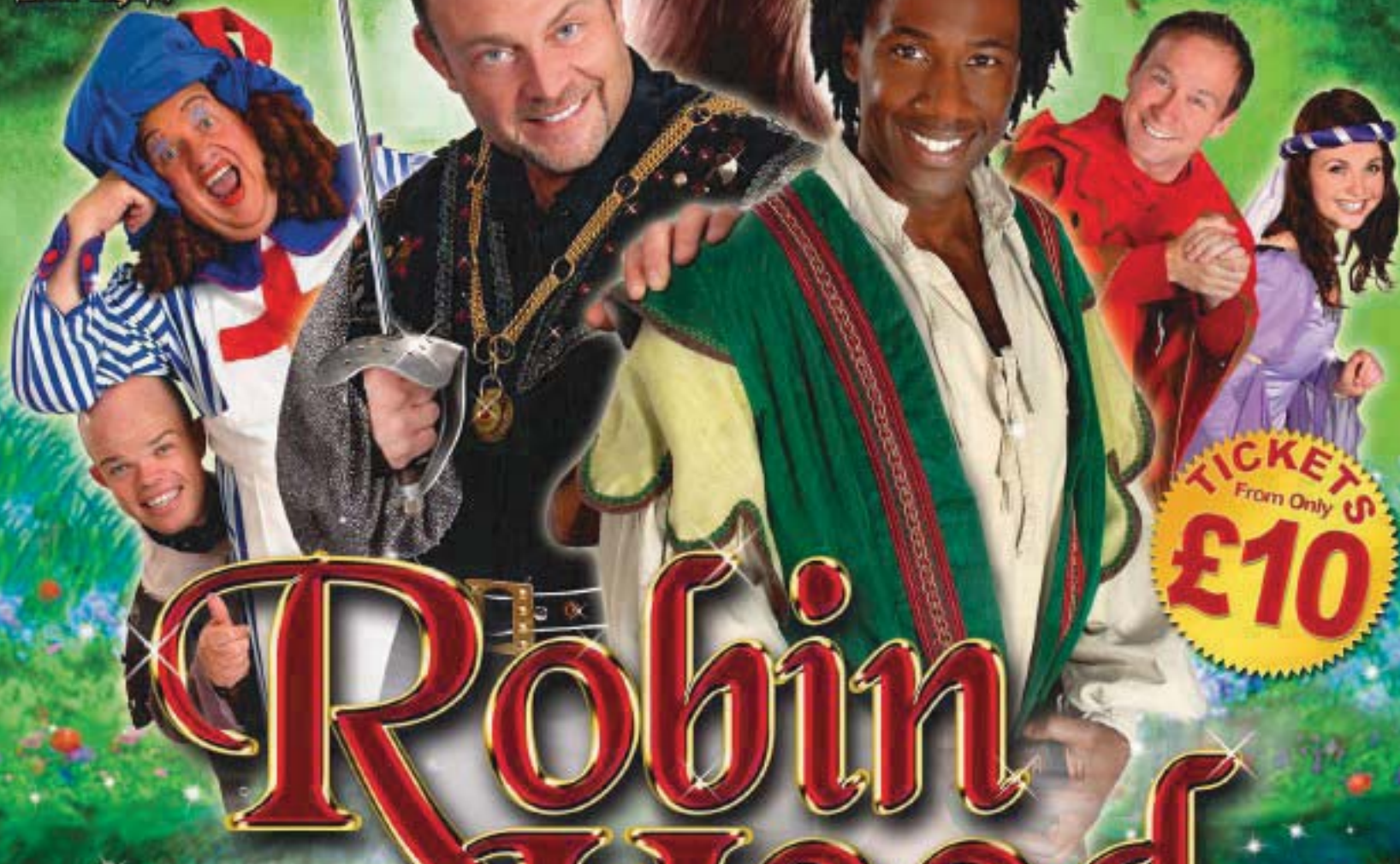
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YOUR LETTERS



Don't muck about, what's that smell?

Interesting to read about the plague of flies that has hit villages around the town. It seems very unseasonal... or does it? I wonder if it's a coincidence that the flies have appeared in rural areas at exactly the time farmers have started muck-spreading on their fields?

I somehow doubt it is.

Muck spreading now has become a menace in a way that wasn't years ago. Whatever they spread on fields these days doesn't smell like any manure I've ever smelt. Of course you expect dungy smells in the countryside, but this is something else entirely.

I've had various reports from different people as to what the unearthly smell is. Everything from fish remains to mashed-up waste paper. I'd be interested in hearing from anyone who reads these pages what really constitutes "muck" these days?

Richard Williamson, Ashford



There's no power to Farage argument

Chris Huhne said the opposite to what Nigel Farage quotes. He has promised that the lights will not go out on his watch. In actual fact we used seven per cent less electricity in 2009 as in 2005, so with the gas-fired and biomass stations and wind underway, the generating margin is improved.

Farage ought to know that EDF in France is in financial meltdown as its tariffs are unable to support an upgrading or replacement programme for 48 of its 58 reactors. As France is 76 per cent dependent on nuclear electricity quite a few of its lights will soon go out.

But the real energy problem is the passing of a global peak in oil production last year, which will decimate vehicle and aircraft manufacturing and empty the roads and skies. So electricity requirements will fall further with less need of road and runway lighting.

It will be impossible to run road and air transport on batteries or hydrogen, so building more nuclear is not an answer. Nigel Farage has

your blogger

Why the 7/7 inquest has got Gary Wright questioning health and safety obsessed Britain...



NOTHING can bring back the people who lost their lives in the 7/7 bombings by terrorist extremists.

But what of our firefighters and medics? Those trained men and women who hung back from the wreckage, unable to do their job in case there was another bomb? Or perhaps, refusing to do their job?

They are not to blame for the deaths, however, they are the people who we, in a civilised, first-world society, rely upon to come to our aid.

There is growing evidence that that is not always the case any more in health and safety obsessed Britain and the 7/7 inquest has given new examples.

We in Britain don't criticise our paramedics and firefighters much (not so the police). Because we all have admiration for what they do and most of us could not imagine doing their job, they are guaranteed public support.

For me the most moving evidence at the July 7 inquest so far came from two of the survivors on the Aldgate train. Some of the seriously injured passengers took up to 40 minutes to die, in agony, as they waited in vain for professional help.

One survivor, Steven Desborough, who described his own attempt to help the dying in the wreckage of the carriage which was travelling in front of him, was evidently still frustrated and angered five years on as he told the inquest how Carrie Taylor, 24, died in his arms while he waited for medical aid that took more

than half an hour to come.

The other witness was Michael Henning, a passenger, who expressed frustration at the firefighters he approached, just 150ft away, who were waiting until they were sure there was no second bomb.

These people have been trained to save ordinary folk, victims who could be any one of us, who believe that someone in uniform will arrive in times of crisis to save them.

This saddened me enormously. Surely simple humanity would encourage a firefighter to make their own decision?

Surely when you decide to be a fireman, you know there will be risks but you want to save people? If you'd been off duty and on-board that train, I believe you would have done the right thing.

Surely there will be stories to come in this inquest, which will run into 2011, of firefighters and medics whose humanity made them ignore the health and safety fears of their bosses who just did the right thing?

That right thing might only have been to administer morphine to the fatally wounded and ensure minimum pain in those final minutes.

I could not imagine the cutting free and clearing up after a bad motorway smash and for that alone firefighters and ambulance crews have my admiration.

But I expect them to be heroes too and if people have died in pain as emergency personnel stood only a few yards away, then perhaps they should be ashamed.

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not understood the actual problem.

John Bushy, by email

Nigel's thinking needs winds of change

As usual Nigel Farage's thinking on wind power is very selective, inaccurate and/or ill informed, and as for climate change, I suggest that he gets his information from more reliable sources and tells the whole story when quoting the ones he uses.

Wind energy is one of the cleanest, safest and most cost-effective forms of energy available. Offshore is of course more expensive, but the simple answer is to stop opposing onshore wind farms. Of course, it is not perfect, but as part of a total renewables package it's exactly what we need, as has been well established by Denmark. Also, we can build the equivalent capacity as a nuclear power station in wind power far more quickly and far more cheaply onshore.

It has been estimated that the average UK onshore wind farm will pay back the energy used in its manufacture within around six months.

Throughout its working life, a wind turbine can produce eighty times the amount of energy needed to make it. And most of the metal work can be recycled.

A modern wind turbine is designed to operate for 20+ years and, unlike coal or nuclear power stations, can be quickly dismantled

and the area restored at low financial and environmental cost. Only the concrete bases below ground level would remain.

The UK's transmission system already operates with a significant amount of back-up in order to manage the instantaneous loss of power from large power stations. Coal, gas and nuclear plants can and do suffer from unexpected 'outages' when they must be shut down, often at short notice and sometimes for long periods (Both Kingsnorth and Dungeness have been operating at reduced capacity recently). This is much more difficult to deal with than the variability of wind power, as they operate on a much larger scale. At present levels, variations in the output from wind farms are barely noticeable over and above the normal fluctuations in supply and demand.

Accommodating significant amounts of wind capacity on the electricity system is not likely to pose any major operational challenge. This view has been confirmed by the National Grid Company and by a comprehensive report commissioned by the Carbon Trust.

There would be a slight increase in cost as a result of the small amount of back-up required for wind.

According to a review of studies carried out by the Sustainable Development Commission, the additional cost of providing 20 per cent of electricity from wind energy by 2020 would be just 0.17p/kWh.

Efficiency/load factor... "At best they run at 26 per cent, which means

you can only expect to get 1MW from a 4MW turbine". He must have misunderstood the figures.

Wind turbines in the UK generate, on average, 27 per cent of their theoretical maximum output, as compared to 53 per cent for conventional power stations. This is known as its load (or capacity) factor and is sometimes confused with the amount of time a wind turbine operates for. A typical wind turbine in the UK will, in fact, generate some electricity for 80 to 85 per cent of the time.

Load factor is also sometimes confused with the efficiency of a wind turbine. The efficiency of a conventional generator is the delivered energy expressed as a percentage of the total energy input. As the fuel source, wind is limitless and free and does not emit pollutants, the traditional concept of efficiency is far less relevant. Efficiency is important if the fuel is expensive. Coal and gas power stations are about 36 per cent and 55 per cent efficient respectively.

Wind power delivers around two and a half times as much electricity during periods of high electricity demand, such as in the winter, as during periods of low demand.

Low wind speeds affecting 90 per cent or more of the UK occur in around one hour in every five years during winter. The chance of wind turbines shutting down due to high wind speeds is rare - high winds affecting 40 per cent or more of the UK would occur in around one hour every 10 years.

Onshore wind does not receive government subsidies. Renewable electricity output, from whatever technology, receives a Renewable Obligation payment in acknowledgement of its clean, low carbon output which is paid via consumer bills

Opponents of wind energy seem far less concerned about the larger subsidies given to fossil fuels. According to the New Economics Foundation report, 'Up In Smoke' (2004), industrialised countries (OECD) provided a subsidy of \$73 billion a year to their fossil fuel industries in the 1990s, with a further \$162 billion subsidising fossil fuels in non-OECD countries.

Nuclear power has received huge subsidies over the years and now British taxpayers have to fork out over £70 billion to decommission existing nuclear power stations and deal with toxic wastes.

"During last winter, that coldest of cold snaps, according to official statistics". This statement is rather myopic, as it relates only to the UK and parts of Europe. Taking the world as a whole the temperatures in the spring were above normal. You can check with NASA.

Last time I looked the Bilderberg Conference was a meeting of very rich and powerful people who are not in the habit of broadcasting their agenda, but also apparently have nothing to do with the science of climate change (apart from some of the attendees funding climate change denial). Until it becomes mainstream, peer-reviewed theory, we should not waste our time discussing global cooling.

The people who could have been employed at Dungeness C could very easily be employed in renewable energy. Up to a million such jobs could be created in the UK. It's all been fully costed by the Green Party.

Robin Kinraid, by email

The size of the problem is nuclear

I can't believe people are still extolling the virtues of nuclear power. To say the waste is a bit of a problem is an understatement. It is radioactive for 25,000 years and there will be more and more of it as the years go by. Cancer rates amongst the young near the Irish sea are significantly higher than in other areas. Could this be Sellafield do you think? No doubt you would call this a problem too.

In the US only one fifth of the electricity needs are provided by nuclear generation and already there is 60,000 tons of waste sitting around waiting for safe disposal. Disposal that should have started in 1998, but hasn't even begun. This suggests that no one has come up with a safe way to dispose of it yet.

If you are so keen, you can have the waste stored at a facility near where you live. If it becomes our main source of power we all will.

Geo thermal has not been properly explored. Why bother, when there are so many gullible, ill-informed electricity consumers out there who don't know what they are talking about.

Joss Malone, by email

Motorists hit with 66% crossing hike

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

FURIOUS anti-toll campaigners have blasted the Government's decision to increase charges at the Dartford crossing by a staggering 66 per cent.

The Department for Transport (DfT) has said that from 2012, car drivers should pay £2.50 to cross the River Thames – a £1 increase from the current price and £1.50 more than it was just two years ago.

That means tolls will have risen by an incredible 150 per cent in just four years.

Motorists are especially angry about the proposals because they were originally promised the tolls would be scrapped once the cost of building the Queen Elizabeth II bridge was met, which it was seven years ago.

The DfT says the new charges, which are subject to consultation, will help pay for new technology resulting in the removal of the toll booths and a reduction in the level of congestion and pollution.

But Ian Taylor – Kent spokesman for the Association of British Drivers – was less than impressed with the plan.

"I'm appalled, and that's putting it mildly," he said. "The Government is screwing drivers over even more than it already has been. The crossing has already been paid for; it belongs to us and yet we're still being taxed to use it."

"There's no excuse and I absolutely condemn this move out of hand."

The Dartford crossing links the M25 across the River Thames and carries about 150,000 vehicles a day.

Under the plans announced as part of last Wednesday's Comprehensive Spending Review, the charges for car drivers could rise from £1.50 to £2 next year, before rising again to £2.50 in 2012.

Chancellor targets Dartford tolls in spending review

The DfT also announced it will not be selling the crossing to a private company, signalling a victory for campaigners like local Lib Dem supporter James Willis who opposed the plan devised by the previous Labour government.

He said: "We're really pleased the crossing will remain in public ownership, but the increase in toll charges is totally ignorant to the promises made by previous governments that it would one day be free."

"There's a debate about the first increase (to £2) because if it leads to a removal of the toll booths then that's a good thing. But there's no justification for the second increase; it's just not right and I will launch a campaign to take direct action against it if I have to."

It is not yet known how the price increase will affect HGV drivers, who at present pay £2 per crossing for double-axle vehicles and £3.70 for multi-axle vehicles.

Scrapped

Natalie Chapman, of the Tunbridge Wells-based Freight Transport Association, said the removal of the toll booths would save firms money in terms of fuel and drivers' hours.

However, she said the price increases may have a negative knock-on effect for consumers.

She explained: "The charges are pretty steep to say the least and in the short term it will just be an additional cost in the same way increased fuel prices are. Freight companies will absorb it as much as possible, but the only other way to cope is to pass the cost onto the consumer, who will pay more for goods and services as a result."

Last month Dartford MP Gareth Johnson said he had "secured the death knell" for the toll booths, but admitted motorists may

still be charged to cross the Thames through the use of new technology such as automatic number plate recognition (ANPR).

He admitted this week that he would continue to campaign to get the charges scrapped.

"But the purpose of the increase is to pay for the £10 million it's going to cost to remove the toll booths", he said.

"My preferred option is to remove the charges in their entirety, but the Treasury cannot say goodbye to £43m net profit each year, so it's not going to happen."



CASH COW: Dartford crossing has already paid for itself

Target success is not as rosy as KCC makes out, claim opponents

COUNTY Hall chiefs have been accused of being economical with the truth to make the council appear more successful than it really is.

Last week Kent County Council published its Closedown report to demonstrate how staff have either completed or shown good progress in 62 of 63 targets set in 2006, in areas including education, health and the economy.

However, opposition members of the Tory-run council say the picture is not quite as rosy as portrayed in the study.

Lib Dem leader Trudy Dean, who represents Maidstone Central, said: "We need to be able to learn from these targets, but many are not honest in the way we report them."

"We should be big enough and bold enough to admit when that's the case because we talk KCC up too much."

"We need to be honest with our staff while thanking them when they do an excellent job, which they have done in many cases."

Cllr Dean referred to the Government's new Health Watch scheme – which will give patients more of a say in how local health services are run – as an example of the authority awarding itself undue praise.

But council leader Paul Carter said that since 2006, more than 1,400 apprentices have started work in the county thanks to the Kent Success Apprenticeship Scheme, and that more than 25 vocational skills centres have been set up. He said other examples of the success were the Kent School Games – which the Government is rolling out nationally – and the Kent

Garden of England tag threatened by decline in number of orchards

KENT is in danger of losing its Garden of England reputation as orchard land continues to disappear, *writes Steve Knight*.

A new report from the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) has highlighted the national worries.

In the last decade the UK has lost 31 per cent of its apple orchard land; in the last 25 years more than half our apple orchards have disappeared.

And it is just as bad in Kent.

Orchard campaign organisation Common Ground said Kent is rapidly losing any reason it had to be called the Garden of England.

Sue Clifford said: "Natural England has issued recent reports which make for shocking reading if you are in Kent. It found that between 1946 and 2003, a stunning 92 per cent of orchard land disappeared in the county, which is a scary statistic. And from 1999 to 2003, the net loss per year was 1.8 per cent. That is every year, which means it won't be too long before they are all gone."

Ms Clifford also blames growers for not supplying the apples people buy in supermarkets.

Graeme Willis, local food campaigner for CPRE, said: "People are taking it for granted that Kent is an apple county, but it isn't any more."

"Unless people take responsibility in their locality, and say we want more Kent apples then orchards will continue to disappear."

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SPOOKY: Join in Halloween at Godinton House

Halloween comes to Godinton House

HISTORIC Godinton House on the edge of Ashford will be the haunt for spooky happenings on Sunday, October 31, when it hosts a pumpkin day from 11am – 4pm.

There will be ghost story sessions in the basement of the ancient home for visitors and much more.

For details call 01233 643854.

Specialist care for nine tonne Gormley sculpture

■ BY ED HILL

EARLY work by Angel of the North creator Antony Gormley that has stood almost anonymously in the Ashford Green Corridor is to be restored.

Maidstone-based quarry company Gallagher Group stepped in to help with the unusual renovation project, when it volunteered specialist staff and equipment to lift and transport a nine tonne, two-piece sculpture from the man-made fishing lake in Singleton, to have it restored in Shropshire.

In its place Gallagher also donated two traditional 'ragstone' boulders of a similar size and shape to the sculpture, carefully selected from its quarry, and placed by the lake for the continued enjoyment of local people.

Ragstone is local to the area and during the Singleton development large pieces of local ragstone were regularly uncovered.

Pat Gallagher, chairman of the Gallagher Group said: "We are delighted to help Kent County Council with the restoration of this internationally important sculpture by providing specialist equipment and managing the tricky task of transportation."

We are also very proud that we are able to



HEAVY LOAD: Quarry company Gallagher Group replaced Antony Gormley's sculpture with local ragstone boulders

showcase traditional Kentish ragstone at Singleton for the public to enjoy."

Tom La Dell, landscape architect and project manager of the restoration of the sculpture, who also designed the public park at Singleton said about the new boulders: "Like

the Gormley sculpture the ragstone boulders are of a suitable scale and form that will enable them to become part of the character of the area. They will encourage interaction from people as they are extremely tactile and appealing."

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THE Lupin Garden, a free exhibition of life's significant moments, is taking place at the Harbour Arm Gallery, Margate.

Take along an object that reminds you of an important moment in your life for it to be recorded in the book of memories.

The show is open from 11am to 3pm on Thursdays, 11am to 4.30pm on Saturday and 12pm to 4.30pm on Sundays.

Fancy dress and film

KENT County Cricket Club holds a Fireworks Extravaganza at the St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury, at 5.30pm on Saturday, October 30.

Ghostbusters will be screened at 6pm, with a fancy dress competition in the interval. Fireworks begin at 8.20pm and there will be a funfair and refreshments.

Tickets are £10 for adults, £5 for under 16s, and a family ticket is £25 from www.kentccc.com or call 01227 456886.

Collectables for sale

A COLLECTORS fair takes place in Margate on Sunday, November 20.

Stamps, postcards, playing cards, militaria, coins, cigarette cards, books, and small collectables will be amongst the stalls at the Union Church, Union Crescent from 10am to 3pm.

Entry is free. Call 01843 862707 for more information.

Bonfire celebrations

The Acol Village Hall committee holds its Bonfire and Firework display on the recreation field on Friday, November 5.

Gates open at 6.30pm with the fireworks starting at 7pm. Entry is £3 for adults, £2 for children and free for under fives. Proceeds go to the Acol Village Hall committee.

For details call 01843 847705/840901.

Funfair and fireworks

A FIREWORKS display will be held in Broadstairs on Friday, November 5.

There will be music from the Jeff Miller Band at the Bandstand at 6pm, a family disco at 8pm at The Pavilion and a funfair in Victoria Gardens from 5.30pm to 9pm. The fireworks start at 8pm. Details at www.broadstairs5thnovevent.org.uk or call 07964 962155.

Brit-flick film screening

THE Gulbenkian Cinema and Café will be screening Made in Dagenham from Friday, October 29 to November 4.

The film tells of the 1968 protest at the Ford plant in Dagenham, when the female workers who made car seats protested against sexual discrimination.

Screenings run until to November 4. Book at www.kent.ac.uk/gulbenkian or on 01227 769075.

Local produce market

DEAL farmers market takes place every Wednesday in the town hall.

It runs from 9am to 1pm and has stalls packed with local produce and crafts, Asian and African cuisine, free range eggs and meat, plants and herbs.

Call Deal Town Council on 01304 361999 for more information.

Have you got the music in you?

MUSIC FOR CHANGE, WEEKEND ARTS CENTRE

From Saturday, November 13,
Chaucer Technology School, Canterbury



AN arts and educational charity has announced the launch of its first Weekend Arts Centre in Canterbury for aspiring performers.

Running every Saturday during term time at the Chaucer Technology School, the project will offer everyone between the ages of six and 16 the chance to learn and develop skills in music, singing, song-writing, dancing, storytelling, drama and drumming.

Under the Music for Change banner, it will be taught by a combination of local talent and internationally acclaimed artists and performers.

It will offer highly exciting, alternative and motivating Saturday morning experiences for young people who are keen to develop their skills.

Lucky Moyo and Andrew Matthews will be leading some of the creative sessions.

Lucky has worked as a professional singer, dancer and choreographer and shared stages with the likes of Jimmy Cliff and Peter Gabriel, performed to Nelson Mandela and appeared on programmes such as BBC's Blue Peter and The Jools Holland Show.

With 20 years experience in the trade, his work has taken him all over the world, and he is now an accomplished workshop leader, who believes that the experience of sharing is at the core of each activity.

Lucky's methods highlight how much participants can achieve, both on an individual and group level. His flexible approach to learning has made him an ideal workshop leader, not just in schools, but also in community centres, arts-based training, at conferences and general public workshops.

Lucky is also a member of the UK-based group U Zambezi and continues to do both educational and performance work with the group.

Andrew, a Kent-based musician, specialises in pop and rock formats, as well as in rap.

He has performed with several bands as singer, guitarist and bass player, and is currently with the Bohemia Ukulele Band.

All abilities will be catered for, as it is personal development and the desire to teach creativity that is at the forefront of this scheme.

The Music for Change Weekend Arts Centre runs for three-hour sessions, from 10am to 1pm on Saturdays. They begin on Saturday, November 13. Each morning session will cost £15, paid in termly instalments.

Artistic director, Nick Williamson, said: "Music for Change has taken its work and its vision into venues across Kent, the South East and beyond. Now it has the chance to bring



young people to its own premises on a regular basis; making us able to promote continued involvement in the arts and personal growth, whilst fostering a love of music and spreading the joy of engagement with the arts."

Nick was born and educated in Kent before moving to London to continue his studies and pursue a career as a professional musician.

He has worked extensively on tour nationally and internationally and in the West End.

He was the musical director of High School Musical when it visited the Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury as part of its national tour.

Nick has also worked with a number of education and development departments.

For more information about the Weekend Arts Centre, please email info@musicforchange.org or call the office team on 01227 459243.

The Music for Change scheme was set up to engage all members of the community, especially children and young people, to help them fulfil their creative potential.

It was formed in 1997 and specialises in educational projects, celebratory events and specifically targeted projects.

It has grown from a fledgling charity to become one of the UK's leading organisations working within the educational and arts sector.





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HADOUKEN!

Friday, October 29, Brake Hall, the Ashford School



TEENAGERS in Ashford have pulled off a coup by booking a cult band to play at a school.

Hadouken!, a band who received a huge amount of press at the peak of the much-hyped new rave movement, will play at the Ashford School's Brake Hall to a crowd of up to 500.

The gig has been organised by teenage promoters, Intimacy Promotions.

The Leeds band, who fuse grime-rapping, electronica and rock to produce a unique sound, are best known for tracks That Boy That Girl, Crank It Up, Turn The Lights Out and Mic

Check. Their debut album Music for an Accelerated Culture sold 100,000 copies and the band won the best electronic artist category at the BT Digital Music Awards in 2008.

Intimacy's Joshua Heyburn said: "The band decided to play smaller shows in towns they've rarely or never been to before.

They will be supported by Pocket Lips, and Ashford dub-step act Mr Strong.

The gig is for anyone aged 14 or older. Doors open at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £15 from www.seetickets.com or www.hadouken.com.



THE DEAD HAND

Sunday, November 7,

Sarah Thorne Theatre Club, Memorial Theatre, Broadstairs



THE year is 1850. Young, easy-going Arthur Holliday has come to Doncaster for the races, but all the hotel rooms are full.

All, that is, except for one remaining twin room that he'll have to share with a stranger.

It's not until he's agreed to take the room that he discovers his roommate is recently deceased.

Even then, all might be well, if it wasn't for the dead hand.

The production is brought to the Sarah Thorne Theatre Club by Rumpus Theatre Company, the team behind last year's successful version of Edgar Allen

Poe's The Horrific Case of Mr Valdemar.

Rumpus favourites David Martin and Amanda Howard, who appeared in the TV series Band of Gold, join Nicholas Gilbrook in this concoction of horror, lust and black magic.

Tickets for the show cost £10.50 for club members and £12.50 for non members. Book by calling the box office on 0845 2626263 or go online to www.sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk.

Visit www.rumpustheatrecmpny.co.uk for additional information on the show.

YOUTH FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE



Saturday, November 13, Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

TRIBUTES to the fallen generation will be made at a Youth Festival of Remembrance in Folkestone.

The event is similar to the Royal Albert Hall's Festival of Remembrance, but places an emphasis on young people giving thanks to those who gave their lives fighting for this country.

The youth of Folkestone and the Shepway district will show their respect by dedicating a night to all those who died in conflicts both past and present.

It will also enable them to show support for our armed services serving in Afghanistan.

Money will be raised for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

The Festival is run and organised by volunteers and is being sponsored by Folkestone Town Council and The Roger De Hann Charitable Trust, who between them have donated £5,000.

Shepway District Council have enabled the hall to be used free of charge for the day.

Tickets are £7.50 each, and the show starts at 6pm.

Call the Leas Cliff Hall box office on 0844 847 1776 or book online by visiting www.leascliffhall.org.uk.



LONELY HEARTS CLUB SHOW

Saturday, November 6, Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone



BEATLEMANIA will rear its screaming head when the Lonely Hearts Club Show comes to Folkestone.

The show has hit the road once more, following a fantastic debut tour, thrilling audiences all over the UK and achieving nightly standing ovations.

This stunning note-for-note production brings one of rock and roll's greatest landmark albums back to life in truly breath-taking fashion and features some of the best musicians from the Fab Four's home town of Liverpool.

Expect to hear Being for the Benefit of Mr Kite, Lovely Rita, When I'm 64, With a Little Help from my Friends and of course Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band.

The production includes a spellbinding new light show, original big screen animations and a host of surprises, making it a must for Beatles fans old and new.

The performance of Sgt Pepper in its entirety will be followed by an hour of Beatles classics live.

Tickets cost £25 each and the show starts at 8pm. £1 from each ticket will go to the Beatles Day Foundation.

Call the Leas Cliff Hall box office on 0844 847 1776 or book online by visiting www.leascliffhall.org.uk.



FREE LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Until Friday, October 29,
St Gregory's Centre for Music,
Canterbury Christ Church University



Canterbury Christ Church University is offering an exciting series of free lunchtime concerts as part of Canterbury Festival.

The concerts will include a range of themes from a celebration of Schumann and Brahms, to tributes to the great latin big bands and take place on weekdays.

The university's director of music, Professor Grenville Hancox, said: "The university is proud to play such a significant part in the Canterbury Festival."

The festival opened on Saturday, October 16 with a VIP event at the university's library, Augustine House, followed by a concert by the Tchaikovsky Symphony Orchestra of Moscow Radio, in Canterbury Cathedral.

The 30th anniversary of Canterbury Christ Church's media department, will be celebrated on Saturday, October 30. A reception will be followed by screenings and a special This is Your Life review of the department presented by staff, former students and special guests.

Concerts start at 1pm each day.

For further information about the concerts programme call 01227 782244 or go to: www.canterbury.ac.uk/events.



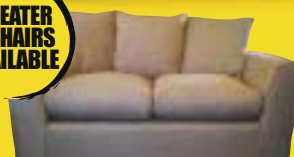
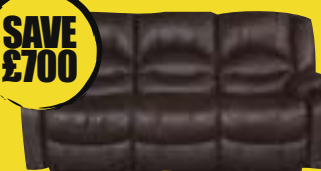
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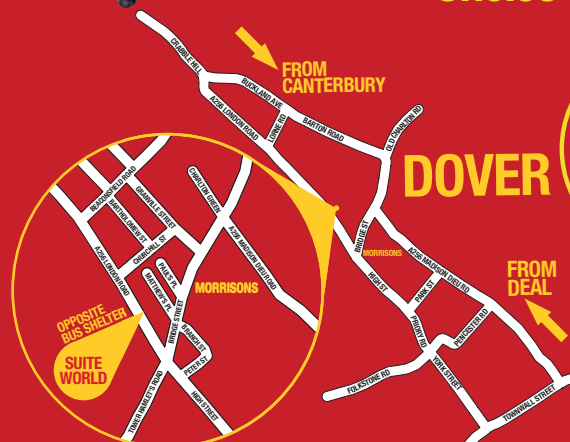
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SMALL firms in Kent with big ideas on tackling climate change have little more than a week to put themselves forward for the chance to win a Shell Springboard award of up to £40,000. The aim is to highlight the role of small businesses in developing products or services which combat climate change.

Shell UK chairman James Smith said: "Small companies in the South East that have great products for tackling climate change can get help to grow with no-strings financial awards from Shell Springboard."

An online application form can be found at www.shellsspringboard.org and entries close at 5pm on Friday, November 5.

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Why everyone has part to play in the Big Society

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

LOCAL businesses have been urged to support the Government's Big Society idea by playing a more active role in community life.

Digital marketing specialist Jonnie Jensen says companies should take a leaf out of their American counterparts' book by organising public events and contributing to good causes, thus raising their profile among potential customers.

Mr Jensen – who owns the Tmandi social media marketing firm – is taking part in a panel discussion on the subject at Archant KOS Media's Business Week Live event on Wednesday, November 10, at the County Showground, Detling, near Maidstone.

He said: "Social responsibility is something of a buzzword but it's an element of people's marketing activity that has become increasingly important. As far as what I think the Big Society should be about, larger companies are already getting involved, such as Tesco giving tokens for books for schools, computers and so on.

"But that needs to start coming down to small and medium-size businesses too; not because it's a nice thing for them to do but because they need to do something that gets them recognised by their target audience.

"But it needs to be in some way relevant to whatever the company is trying to sell. For example, it's not going to work if you've got a morbidly obese businessman promoting healthy eating or sports in the community."

Prime Minister David Cameron launched the



GET INVOLVED: Jonnie Jensen, left, sees David Cameron's Big Society idea as an essential marketing tool for business

Big Society idea in July, saying he wanted to empower communities by allowing residents to have more say in how local decisions are made.

Examples include taking over the running of post offices and libraries, or forming committees to decide on local housing targets.

As well as encouraging greater volunteering and philanthropy, Mr Cameron has also confirmed plans to use funds stuck in dormant bank and building society accounts to enable charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups to take over the running of public services. Mr Jensen reiterated his belief that small

and medium-sized firms should take full advantage of the new strategy.

He said: "I think we are a way down the line from the average guy in the street saying, Yes, I think local businesses should give something back to the community."

"But I've spent a lot of time in America and they organise events like food drives and street cleans all the time. It's not such an alien concept over there, but they don't call it Big Society – they call it clever marketing."

• See story below for more information on Business Week Live, or go to www.businessweeklive.co.uk.

Lord Howard agrees to set the agenda

ONE-time Conservative Party leader and former Folkestone and Hythe MP Michael Howard will open the speeches at the inaugural Business Week Live Show on November 10.

The Tory grandee, who stood down at the May General Election and now sits in the Lords as Baron Howard of Lympne, can be relied on for a lively view of the coalition's progress under his successor as party leader, David Cameron.

After training as a barrister, he was elected in 1983 and became a minister just four years later, going on to hold Cabinet posts before attempting to lead his party back into office at the 2005 election.

He was renowned as a tough debater and famously clashed on TV with Newsnight's Jeremy Paxman, as well as drawing the quote: "There is something of the night about him" from fellow Kent MP Ann Widdecombe.

And there will be surely be an extra edge to his speech at the show as it falls just three weeks to the day after the new Government's Comprehensive Spending



SPEAKER: Michael Howard

Review. Business Week Live has been created by Archant KOS Media for business owners, entrepreneurs and managers

across all sectors and from small to medium enterprises to large private and public organisations and agencies.

It is being staged at the County Showground and Archant KOS Media commercial director Christine Davidson said: "BWL offers true value to attendees at a crucial time in their planning process, post-CSR and prior to the crunch year of 2011. Everyone and every business needs to know where the opportunities will be."

In addition to sourcing suppliers and partners, visitors will get free access to a conference programme and workshop of more than 20 speakers.

Kent Business School is providing a free clinic during the show; companies can book a 30-minute slot with a team comprising MBA students, alumni and academics.

"No hard-pressed firm can really pass up on the chance of brainstorming with such

experts when just one good tip could save their company," said Christine.

Other topics include:

- Getting Investment: with Phil Bevean, portfolio director for the Kent and Medway Innovation Team, and Liz Dolding, partner and commercial legal expert from Warners Solicitors.

- Going Digital: with expert Jonnie Jensen, who has 10 years' experience in the sector with companies such as Lycos Europe.

- Inspirational Management: Neil Annis has 20 years' experience in operational management, sales, change management, training and coaching, and personal and organisational development.

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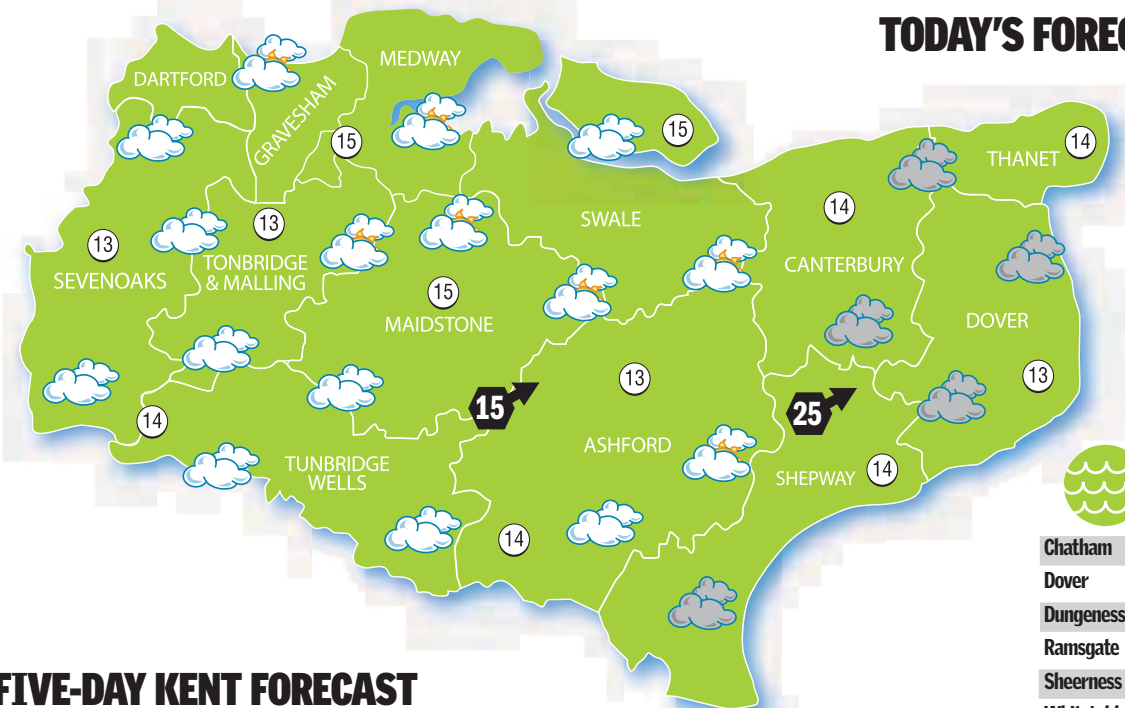
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Cardiff	8°C	Tokyo	19°C
Gibraltar	21°C	Vancouver	12°C
Hong Kong	28°C	Warsaw	8°C
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KENT'S WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

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Dungeness	Saturday	4:31pm 6.7m	Sunday	4:44pm 6.4m
Ramsgate	Saturday	5:17pm 4.3m	Sunday	5:48pm 4.2m
Sheerness	Saturday	6:17pm 5.2m	Sunday	6:30pm 5.0m
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FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

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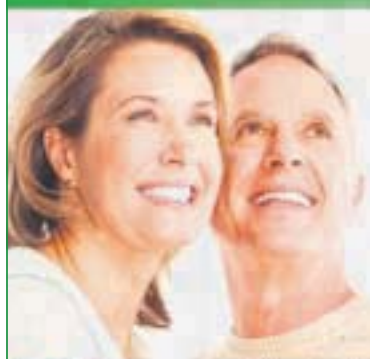
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Glittering script and strong cast is an easy lesson in teenage angst

■ BY DAMON SMITH

EVERY generation has portraits of adolescent angst which perfectly encapsulate the teenage experience in a language that speaks loud and clear to audiences of the era.

In the 1970s it was *The Last Picture Show* and *American Graffiti*, while in the 1980s, *Fast Times At Ridgemont High*, *The Breakfast Club*, *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* and *Heathers* struck a chord.

Clueless, *Beautiful Thing* and *American Pie* epitomised the 1990s, and in the noughties, *Bring It On*, *Mean Girls* and *Juno* vied for supremacy.

Now in this brave new decade – the tweens? – we have *Easy A*, a delicious tale of girl power inspired by Nathaniel Hawthorne's 19th century classic, *The Scarlet Letter*.

From its droll opening voiceover – "The rumours of my promiscuity have been greatly exaggerated..." – Will Gluck's film has us in the palm of its hand, rooting for an unconventional heroine who finds the silver lining in a huge, dark cloud system over a pivotal year at high school.

Bert V Royal's script glitters with tart one-liners ("He's not the sharpest Christian in the Bible") and introduces a feisty heroine that should promote Emma Stone from scene-stealing support to bona fide leading lady.

Hard-working student Olive (Stone) tells a tiny white lie to best friend Rhiannon (Alyson Michalka) about losing her virginity to a mystery man and classmate Marianne (Amanda Bynes) overhears the confession.

"You've made your bed. I hope for your sake that you've cleaned the sheets," sneers Marianne, promptly spreading the salacious news about Olive's promiscuity.

Initially distressed to be the talking point of the entire school, Olive embraces her new lowly reputation for the good of others.

She manufactures a hook-up with classmate Brandon (Dan Byrd) to dispel whispers about



DELICIOUS TALE: Amanda Bynes as Marianne (above left) and Emma Stone (above right) who dazzles in the lead role as Olive Penderghast and (below right) Olive with Penn Badgley who plays Todd in this latest adolescent movie, *Easy A*

him being gay, claims to have bedded an overweight boy who fears he will never get a girlfriend, and confesses to giving Marianne's dim-witted boyfriend Micah (Cam Gigandet) a sexually transmitted disease in order to protect the real culprit: school counsellor Mrs Griffith (Lisa Kudrow), who is married to Olive's favourite teacher (Thomas Haden Church).

Events quickly spiral out of control and as friends turn against her, Olive finds a solitary ally in her old school crush, Woodchuck Todd.

Easy A is a delight, anchored by Stone's

effervescent lead performance that has us giggling to the point of crying then choking back tears by the time the end credits roll.

Supporting cast are equally good, including Bynes as the pious nemesis and Stanley Tucci and Patricia Clarkson as Olive's hip parents Dill and Rosemary (ho ho!), who shower her with love and pithy words of wisdom.

At a brisk 92 minutes, Gluck's film certainly scores top marks for brevity. If anything, we would happily stay in detention with these characters for another 20 minutes.



EASY A 
Certificate PG-13

■ BY JOE BILL



YOUR TV REVIEW THE ONLY WAY IS ESSEX: ITV2, 9pm, Friday

NOT since George Galloway uttered the immortal words "do you want me to be the cat?" has television both disgusted and enthralled me so much at the same time.

But *The Only Way Is Essex*, ITV2's new flagship docu-soap, has managed to make viewers attack the screen as well as cheekily add it to Sky plus.

Set in the home county that time forgot, the reality show follows the lives of a group of twenty-somethings looking to make their way in the world, but not before a quick sun bed session.

In similar style to MTV's *The Hills*, the characters in the show are all real people but the situations they enter are enhanced by producers for the audience's amusement.

For example we have Mark, a self



DRAWN IN: The *Only Way Is Essex* cast are set to become huge reality TV stars

proclaimed 'bird magnet', who likes flash cars, grooming himself and

women. Mark has recently split up with Lauren, a hair extension

wearing, orange-skinned, fake breasted, all round classy sort.

Fortunately for the cameras, the pair both unknowingly attend a speed dating event in the Las Vegas of Essex, Brentwood. And of course sparks fly.

So, its obvious the storylines are a set up, and I did begin to think that these people were not real either, that is until I heard the words "do you know what Candy, you should be a politician!"

No actor in the world is that good or that believable.

Aspiring glamour models mingle with "top blokes" in flash cars, with fewer clothes on than I wear in the bath.

The Only Way Is Essex is essentially a real life Hollyoaks.

Scarily, I found myself all too engaged as "geezer" Kirk Norcross told his dear old lonely mum to

"stop the dating game, its not wurf it".

This came moments after he snagged himself a day out at the zoo with lingerie model Amy Childs.

As much as one hand was reaching for the remote control and the off button, the other was stopping it in what became an epic struggle of the mind and body.

The accents, the points of view, the strange obsession with looking like something out of Willy Wonka, everything about this programme screams 'don't watch me'.

And yet, as you can see from the tabloids and the national radio, the *Essex* posse are set to become the latest in a long line of reality stars to reach the heights of red top fame.

My advice is if you haven't seen it, steer clear, and for the rest of us, good luck and I will see you on the other side.

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Rockaoke with your own band



ROCKING IT: Sing karaoke with a live rock band at The Farmhouse in Canterbury

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

yourkenttv.co.uk

I THOUGHT the days of the at-home, screwball inventor were gone.

Bread has been sliced, the radio has been made wind-able, the toothbrush has been motorised, and the list of groundbreaking gadgets that have propelled us from the dark ages goes on.

Truly, I figured everything that could be invented by a bearded, well-tooled loner in his shed had been created.

That was before one Genius – for he/she most definitely deserves such a title – had the Rockaoke epiphany.

This God among men fused 'live rock' with 'karaoke', giving amateur exhibitionists the chance to take to the stage alongside a three-piece backing band.

The wannabe frontmen can then grab the mic before belting out a drunken, off-note cover of Bon Jovi's You Give Love A Bad Name. Or any other classic rock track from the hundreds on offer.

This is progress. Forget everything you once knew about karaoke. Those days are over. Consigned to the history books forevermore.

Rockaoke is the future... now. And it's coming to The Farmhouse, Canterbury, this Friday.

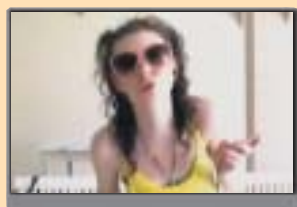
A spokesman for the venue said: "Come and embrace the immense fun there is to be had by getting up on the Farmhouse stage in front of a real life band and belting out some of your favourite rock'n'roll standards."

"A new monthly night, the music is going to be supplied by local rock legends Electric River, with you in charge of the mic."

"Choose your song on the night, sign up your interest, and get in line for your opportunity to tread the same boards as your musical heroes for the night."

"While this is the first time Electric River are holding a 'rockaoke' we've done plenty of these nights before and they always go off with a bang."

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- 3 Ron Bowdery - This is Kelpie (New Eltham)
- 4 Luke Jackson - Am I Good Enough For You (from Canterbury)
- 5 Promise Me Tomorrow - How You Play the Game (from Deal)

dressed as your favourite rockstar we'll let you in for free."

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BEAUTIFUL AND HISTORIC: New Zealand's The Bay of Islands and, below right, The Lady Knox Geyser are some of the sights to discover

yourgetaways

Discovering the natural beauty that is New Zealand

■ BY PETER BEAL

THE stretch of brilliant white sand ahead seems endless, as our coach speeds along an unlikely public highway.

Flanked by massive dunes and the crashing breakers of the Tasman Sea, the Ninety Mile Beach which stretches along the coast of New Zealand's North Island is believed to be the world's third longest uninterrupted beach, and a sight of staggering natural beauty.

As we leave a trail of spray in our wake, inside our coach a group of happy and relaxed holidaymakers are looking eagerly out of the windows.

After a couple of weeks travelling with Titan HiTours, a company who arrange everything from picking you up from home, to looking after your luggage, these travellers had long since relinquished any feelings of stress.

Sacred to the Maoris, this coastline has a rocky outcrop on Cape Reinga at its northern end marked by a lone gnarled pohutukawa tree. Legend says the spirits of the dead enter the sea here on their way to a spiritual homeland.

We were on the final leg of our 23-day journey around New Zealand.

Among many incredible sights is the Bay of Islands, a beautiful and historic part of the country, where in the late 18th century, a young naval lieutenant called James Cook first landed, and gave the inlet its name.

On a summer's evening there are few more enchanting places than the Bay: wooded slopes of more than 150 islands stretch as far as the eye can see across the sparkling blue water.

These days it's hard to believe this was New Zealand's 19th century capital – populated by whaling

FACT FILE: NEW ZEALAND

Time difference	+13 hours (GMT)
Capital	Wellington
Language	English
Population	4,400,000
Currency	New Zealand
Religion	Christianity

Peter Beal was a guest on Titan HiTours' 23-day Best of New Zealand tour, which starts at £3,695 on next availability in April 2011. Package includes VIP home pick-up/return delivery from anywhere in UK, return Air NZ flights ex-Heathrow, travel by first class aircon coaches, 19 nights' hotel accommodation with selected meals, excursions in itinerary, tour manager. Package avail Oct-Dec and Feb-April. Optional excursions incl Ninety Mile Beach trip (£57 pp). Titan reservations: 0800 988 5800 or www.titanhitours.co.uk. For extensions/upgrades contact Tailor-Made Sales on 0800 988 5810.



crews, escaped convicts, traders and rogues. Packed with brothels, grog shops and gambling dens, it was known as the 'Hellhole of the Pacific'.

Now quaint shops and tasteful restaurants are the order of the day.

The Bay of Islands may be the jewel in the crown but the rest of the North Island is no less captivating. Much of the Lord of the Rings trilogy was filmed here and the starting point for anyone arriving by the three-hour ferry from the South Island is New Zealand's capital of Wellington.

From Wellington, we swung north over the Desert Road and beyond the peaks of Tongariro National Park – one of them, Mount Ngauruhoe, was Mount Doom in Lord of the Rings.

We then reached the thermal won-

derland at the centre of the island, Lake Taupo. Nearly 1,000 feet deep, it's actually a volcanic crater and the earth's crust between here and Rotorua to the north is so thin that steam and fumes are strong enough to drive the area's own thermal power station.

Of New Zealand's four million population, around a third live in and around vibrant Auckland, the City of Sails, whose iconic skyline dominates one of the world's great harbours. With 2,500 vessels, Westhaven marina is the biggest in the southern hemisphere.

A 15-minute bus journey takes you to the weekend beach playground of Mission Bay, where the renowned Fish Pot Cafe boasts the finest fish and chips in the city for around £10. They're probably right.

MOTORS NEWS



Volvo's sporty wagon a dynamic little number

VOLVO has announced prices and the opening of order books for the all-new V60 sports wagon – from £23,145.

Deliveries are expected to start in December for a range that includes the powerful 301bhp all-wheel drive £37,895 T6 flagship. But you won't need to spend up to that level to get the sporty add-ons; R-Design models, featuring more dynamic styling and chassis, start at £25,695.

Volvo believes it will score with its coupé-like lines and wedge shape, while retaining traditional Volvo estate practicality.



New stow-in-the-floor for Sharan's makeover

VOLKSWAGEN'S all-new Sharan seven-seat MPV is now available to order from £22,980 for the entry-level S 1.4-litre TSI model.

The line-up includes an eco-friendly BlueMotion diesel version with Stop/Start and battery regeneration systems to enhance economy and lower emissions.

Unlike its predecessor it also has an up-to-date stow-in-the-floor system allowing individual seats of the second and third rows to be folded away rather than having to be removed when not needed.



Crossover upgrades as Peugeot turns up heat

PEUGEOT'S 3008 crossover (from £16,695) is now available with extra standard kit on Sport and Exclusive models and a more fuel efficient diesel.

Since launch last November, the 3008 Crossover has landed major awards including What Car? Crossover of the Year and Car of the Year 2010.

The Sport starts at £17,895, bringing USB and Bluetooth connection, flat folding passenger seat to increase flexibility, and autoheadlamps and wipers.



TANKS A LOT: Proton's green offering, the Ecologic, has two fuel tanks; one for petrol and the other for liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) yet costs the same as a standard petrol GEN-2

Two tanks for the price of one offer from Proton

ROAD TEST PROTON GEN-2

BY STEVE LOADER

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Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Burning LPG is also 50 per cent quieter than diesel and a by-product of crude oil output – UK PLC is awash with the stuff apparently.

However, LPG is up to 15 per cent less fuel efficient and the GEN-2's spare wheel has been sacrificed for a round LPG tank below the boot floor – there is a separate filler for this on the rear wing next to the petrol inlet.

Like all cars running on LPG though, the Ecologic is quieter and more refined in this mode. This is a bit of a bonus since cabin and road noise in the Gen-2 – available as hatchback or saloon – feels more old generation than its sleek looks suggest.

Proton has relied heavily on tried and tested Mitsubishi technology, but acquired Lotus and much-needed chassis nous in 1996.

This is the Gen-2's best side; it handles and rides well and equipment is also generous, but interior design and rather low seating feel off the pace against modern rivals.

This makes the Ecologic the definite best buy of the range – a bit of a no-brainer – as well as a genuinely green alternative to premium-price modern eco-friendly diesels and petrol-electric hybrids.



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House is just a home – no longer an investment

THE UK housing minister has said it is time to regard homes primarily as “a place to live and bring up a family” rather than a financial investment.

Conservative Grant Shapps said that the era of viewing property as a potential source of revenue – particularly as a means of topping up the buyer’s pension – had to come to an end if an entire generation of potential first-time buyers were not to be priced out of the market.

He said people should accept a period of house price stability after a decade that has seen rocketing house price inflation followed by the current crash.

In a speech to the Housing Market Intelligence conference in London, Mr Shapps said: “With a house now liable to cost perhaps seven times someone’s earnings, it is no surprise the average unsupported first-time buyer is now 37 years old.

“This country is in danger of letting down the aspirations of a generation if homes do not become more affordable in the long term. So what is required now is a period of house price stability.

“A home should first and foremost be thought of as a place to live and bring up a family.”

Law now ‘bureaucratic nightmare’ for landlords

THE Residential Landlords’ Association (RLA) claims that legislation which came into force at the beginning of October will result in “bureaucratic nightmares” for landlords.

Earlier this year the coalition Government reviewed plans to require private-sector landlords to apply for planning permission to allow a property to be shared by three or more unrelated people.

Instead, it gave local authorities the power to insist on planning permission for Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) in areas where shared housing is considered to be causing problems.

The RLA argues that this is “the thin end of social engineering”.

Members pointed out that planning law is meant to control building use and not the relationships between people living in them.

The association’s chairman, Alan Ward, said if a shared house or flat is currently rented to a single person or a family a landlord can lose the future right to rent it again as an HMO, without first obtaining this new planning permission.



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NEGATIVE EQUITY: Although the south east is among the most robust regions in the country, figures show the UK property market looks to be heading towards a double dip

Prices are set for a fall as houses outnumber buyers

■ BY NICK AMES

IT IS still a buyer’s market, according to the latest trend analysis of supply and demand for homes.

A high level of properties on the market continue to outnumber buyer demand and this will impact negatively on house prices, according to the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (Rics).

This echoes many reports which all suggest house prices could be heading for a double dip after a summer which saw partial recovery.

Figures also continue to vary across the UK with the south east among the most robust areas when it comes to increasing values.

House prices slumped by around one-fifth between autumn 2007 and early 2009, before recouping around half their losses over the last year.

However, there has been a drop in demand

with mortgage approvals and consumer confidence both waning.

Recently the Halifax revealed UK house prices fell by a record 3.6 per cent in September compared with August. According to the Halifax the monthly decline was the biggest since records began in 1983.

Returning to the Rics it said 44 per cent of its surveyors saw prices fall in the past three months while just six per cent reported a rise.

The Rics survey also established that surveyors were expecting further losses with the price expectations balance falling to minus 38 from minus 41, the fourth straight decline.

Many of its members say first-time buyers continue to be locked out of the market, primarily due to a lack of mortgage availability.

Without a hefty deposit, this group continue to struggle to get onto the property ladder.

The figures came out at the same time as Government experts examined the summer property market

Official data from the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) revealed UK house prices crept up by 0.7 per cent compared with July, with the average UK home costing £213,116.

On an annual basis, house prices were up 8.3 per cent, slightly down from the 8.4 per cent in July.

Despite the monthly rise, growth has slowed since April, the DCLG noted.

Commenting on the data, Howard Archer, chief economist at the IHS Global Insight, said he expects values to gradually ease between now and the end of the year, and house prices will lose around 10 per cent in 2011.

Drop in sales shows Right to Buy initiative on the way out

SALES of properties under the Government’s Right to Buy Scheme have dropped to a record low, the latest research from HSBC has revealed after an analysis of the market.

The scheme, which helps social housing tenants in England and

Wales to purchase their home at a discount, was introduced by Margaret Thatcher’s Conservative government in 1980.

However, 30 years after the launch of the initiative, HSBC’s figures show that just 4,622 Right to Buy sales occurred in the

2009/10 tax year, compared with 193,600 in 1982/83.

“The scheme has been facing scrutiny lately with the current shortage of council housing stock, but it now looks to have run its course,” said Andy Mielczarek, head of retail products at HSBC.

“However, no-one can deny the major impact it has had on homeownership in Great Britain.”

Right to Buy has been most popular in Scotland, the mortgage lender’s figures show, with around 441,000 houses sold under the initiative since it was introduced.

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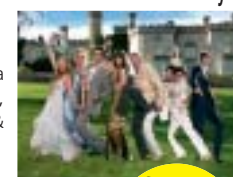
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LORRAINE 5ft 8ins, slim, size 10, long dark curly hair, green eyes, likes meals out, pubs, seeks male with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348857 ☎

SUZANNE 35, beautiful blonde, seeks male for chats and a relaxing glass of wine anytime. ACA, status unimportant. City area. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 342527 ☎

HAPPY go lucky blue eyed blonde, 38, just wants to make someone happy seeks similar kind male for a loving relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347347 ☎

SUE early 60's, black hair, brown eyes, seeks male, 59-63 for fun and friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 346929 ☎

FEMALE 42, stunning blonde nurse looking to share a bottle of good wine, relax and whatever folder with a tall professional male. Looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347345 ☎

PRETTY blonde with lovely green eyes seeks male for good conversation and companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349901 ☎

SHAZ fun and bubbly with auburn hair seeks tall good looking guy for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349899 ☎

FUN loving, young at heart blonde, big blue eyes, looking for some fun, romance and TLC. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349897 ☎

VERY pretty blue eyed blonde, funny and warm seeks attractive down to earth, older male for fun, laughter and love. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349895 ☎

FAYE N/S, non drinker, lots of love to give, seeks special, genuine, honest male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349309 ☎

MARGARET 69, 5ft 4ins, active, N/S, GSOH, likes keep fit, walks, meals out, nights in, holidays, seeks nice likeminded gent, 65-70 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349085 ☎

GORGEOUS tall feminine brunette seeks special loving, much older guy with a passion for life to get together with. Status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349035 ☎

CHATTY blonde, fun to be around, will try anything once, looking for some serious fun with confident guy. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349033 ☎

PETITE female with lovely long auburn hair, sensitive and loving seeks someone nice to share lots of cuddles, TLC and more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349031 ☎

CURVY blue eyed blonde who just wants to have a good time with no complications WLTm likeminded guy. Looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347127 ☎

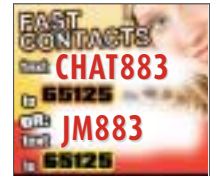
VIVACIOUS brown eyed brunette seeks tall, confident, tactile guy looking for romantic fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347125 ☎

GORGEOUS blue eyed brunette, hurt in past and looking for someone to mend a broken heart and put some lust back. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347123 ☎

ALICE 47, black, seeks older male for love and relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381748 ☎

WARM caring woman, 59, too young to be old, likes pubs, meals out, walks, cinema, theatre, seeks kind, caring, reliable, solvent male for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 343965 ☎

STRAIGHT female, 60-75 seeking male companionship, no complications for fun and socialising, gay man welcome. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 341379 ☎



CHEEKY brunette, seeks much older male to have some fun with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 377306 ☎

DEBBIE 40, gorgeous cuddly red haired beauty, WLTm a beautiful romantic man to sweep her off her feet and put some fun back. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 346807 ☎

CAROLE 52, long chestnut hair, attractive, 5ft 4ins, medium build, likes travel, animals, countryside, seeks Scottish male, under 57 with hair. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380448 ☎

I love rock and roll. Dance partner needed for lovely slim blonde in Hove, 5ft 7ins, 50 plus, no ties, needs nice, intelligent guy 50 plus, tall, no ties who wants to boogie and maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 378984 ☎

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PROFESSIONAL attractive, friendly, black British female, mid 40's, size 10-12 likes socialising, seeks sincere male of any nationality for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 341125

ATTRACTIVE young at heart professional, no ties seeks attractive male for mutual friendship. Status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 355886 ☎

KAREN 34, leggy brunette who knows there's more to life than just work! WLTm confident professional male for time off meets in London and fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 342525 ☎

PATRICIA outgoing, confident, feminine, warm, friendly, smart, good company, attractive, seeks similar male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347215 ☎



Men Seeking

HONEST reliable, handsome, black male, 47, affectionate, seeks mature, trendy, white female, 42-52, going out, laughter and life. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350653 ☎

PAT 50, black, honest, kind, seeks female for discreet fun times. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350541

WHITE English male, 57, N/S, broad shouldered, likes concerts, music, cinema, seeks sensual intelligent female, 21-45. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350457 ☎

RAY 5ft 9ins, slim, 55, caring, good heart, seeks, seeks female of similar age for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350365 ☎

COSTA 42, 5ft 11ins, slim, athletic, educated, graduated lawyer, seeks attractive lady, any age for fun, friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350243 ☎

LADY 50 plus sought by slim, attractive professional male 45 for discreet relationship. London/Surrey Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350219

MALE 59, 5ft 8ins, ex footballer, seeks attractive, slim-medium build female for good times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382096 ☎

ALEX professional black male, 36, likes travel, meals out, museum, theatre, seeks kind lady. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350203 ☎

YOUTHFUL male, 49, 5ft 8ins, N/S, white, seeks slim African Princess, 30-45 for fun and laughter maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350185 ☎

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DOWN to earth female, 5ft 8ins, 42, seeks sincere, honest male. Portsmouth. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348557 ☎

HONEST caring, genuine female, 44, GSOH, likes meals out, nights in, seeks similar male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381844 ☎



ATTRACTIVE caring male, 36, likes most things, meals out, cinema, walks, nights in, seeks nice lady, 20-40 for good times. Eastbourne Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382058

BLACK male, 25, tall, seeks female, 25-35 for serious relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382044 ☎

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IAN mid 50's, medium build, brown eyes, dark hair, likes nights in/out, music, pubs, seeks female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350371 ☎

MALE seeks special female, 36-46 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350315 ☎

PROFESSIONAL male, 55, slim, 5ft 11ins, divorced, N/S, likes travel, sports, walks, seeks slim, fit, N/S, genuine female, 48-59. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350257

SINGLE male, 60, medium build, kind, caring, GSOH, likes music, walks, places of interest. WLTm lady up to 60. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350043

JAMES late 40's, likes walks, socialising, cinema, meals out, theatre, tee-total, seeks female, 40-50 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350545 ☎

CRAIG 25, likes wrestling, theatre, church, socialising, seeks lady, 18-40 preferably ex model for LTR. Redhill Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382134 ☎

RICHARD 49, 6ft, slim, professional, GSOH, tactile, affectionate, likes most things, seeks slim, affectionate female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349519 ☎

TAFFY 47, young looks, nice personality, loyal, GSOH, pet lover, seeks female for text friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381962

6FT male, 24, brown hair, blue eyes, slim, athletic, outgoing, likes clubs, bars, sports, gym, seeks female for fun and friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349981 ☎

6FT 2ins male, dark hair, blue eyes, hardworking, professional, GSOH, likes sports, travel, seeks outgoing female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349939

PAUL 44, 5ft 7ins, outgoing, caring, smoker, seeks slim, outgoing, fun girl, 30-45 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349313 ☎

BLACK male, 30, attractive, seeks female, 18-40 slim-medium build for fun and friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349267

ACTOR 5ft 10ins, strong build, likes theatre, music, comedy, politics, seeks intelligent attractive female, 30-45 with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349871 ☎

MATURE attractive, fit male, seeks slim, petite, sexy Asian/Oriental/Latino lady for fun LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349805 ☎

WIDOWER 66, tall, likes sports, meals out, walks, seeks attractive female of similar age for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349581

PAUL 44, easygoing, seeks attractive, easygoing female of similar age. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381896 ☎

NICE male, late 50's, tall, blue eyes, grey hair, friendly, fit, likes boats, cars, outdoors, seeks female, late 50's for 1-2-1. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381886 ☎

TALL athletic 30yr old male, seeks caring female, size 16 plus for fun, leading to relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349107 ☎

AFFABLE gentle teacher, 56, likes rock, arts, culture, travel, seeks intelligent, attractive woman, no kids for LTR/marriage. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347051 ☎

JEFFERY 52, white, 6ft 2ins, medium build, likes meals out, cinema, holidays, seeks single, genuine black female for 1-2-1 relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348663 ☎

NICK 28, builder, 6ft, shaved head, blue eyes, medium build, seeks female for fun and maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350015 ☎

ROSS 42, 5ft 10ins, green eyes, brown hair, likes music, kind, caring, seeks special female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349893 ☎

EARLY 60's male, 5ft 8ins, blue eyes, GSOH, likes most things, seeks similar fun loving female, 55 plus for good times, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349281 ☎

PROFESSIONAL affluent executive, 5ft 8ins, N/S, needs to correct work/life balance, seeks lady, 35-45 to share quality time with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348999 ☎

TALL loving Latino male, well built, slim, olive complexion, openminded, likes music, sports, culture, politics, theatre, reading, writing, seeks N/S, busty female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349165

SUSSEX male, 45, trusting, presentable, seeks female, 40-50 faithful and believes that romance is not dead. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381884 ☎

JOHN 5ft 2ins, medium build, 56, likes caroc dancing, walks, meals out, down to earth, seeks slim-medium build female, 45 plus for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349119 ☎

DAVID young intelligent, strong, funny male, 30, black British African, seeks beautiful female with GSOH to share relationship and fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381898 ☎

ATTRACTIVE blond blue eyed male, 47, HIV positive, extremely genuine, sincere, GSOH, OHAC, seeks warm, sincere, Oriental/black/Asian female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348973

DAVID successful, tall, good looking Daniel Craig look-alike, seeks fascinating fun girl, any nationality for well, lets see. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347827 ☎

KEN attractive, intelligent, young 50's, seeks nice, attractive, energetic female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347797

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TALL non scene guy mid 20's, seeks older gent, 65 plus for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348543

MARK 58, divorced, bl, 5ft 11ins, good shape, seeks bi male for fun and friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 337763

VIC 70, fit, healthy, own home, seeks CD male for fun and friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 338903

ANTHONY divorced, bi-curious, fit, 40's, likes wine, travel, seeks similar guy to see what happens. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381120 ☎

JAMIE Eastbourne, 35, gay, seeks same in local area for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381522 ☎

TALL blond, muscular non scene guy 29, seeks older solvent gent, 65 plus for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348543

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DELIGHT: Lee Shearer led from the back for Hythe

CRICKET

Kent not in such a bad way after all

THE FUTURE for Kent next season might not look as gloomy as first feared after it emerged the club could be in a position to make an addition to the playing squad.

Concerns about fielding a 15-man team with finances dictating that there would be no room in the budget for any new faces, or an overseas star, might not be the case now as the green shoots of recovery begin to show at St Lawrence.

Much of this renewed sense of optimism looks to have come from the start of the £8.2 million redevelopment project, and while it would be foolish to think at this early stage it would help bring in a host of new players, there already appears to be some tangible benefits.

Picture ADY KERRY



OPTIMISTIC: Kent head coach Paul Farbrace

Head coach Paul Farbrace explained that the "landscape has changed" at Kent and that bringing in a player or two next season might not be out of the question.

"Maybe the position of the club, in terms of numbers of the squad, might not be as we thought at the end of the season," he said. "Perhaps 14 or 15 on the staff is not going to be the case. We are perhaps not in as bad a position as everyone first thought."

"If we can add a bowler, whether that be an overseas or a domestic, that would certainly strengthen our squad and I feel we would be in a good position. No one is saying we can definitely have this or that, but the situation is certainly more favourable than it was."

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Hythe history makers book place in FA Cup first round

FOOTBALL

Hythe Town 2 Staines 0

A BUMPER crowd flocked to Reachfields on Saturday to see Hythe Town deservedly book their place in the FA Cup first round proper.

More than 800 turned out to see goals from Gary Mickelborough and Dave Cook claim the scalp of Conference South side Staines Town in an absorbing clash. It is first time in the club's history they have reached the hallowed stage and were rewarded with a trip to League Two side Hereford United in Sunday's draw.

Paul Markland, club chairman, said: "It's a once in a lifetime experience, everyone has their 15 minutes in the limelight and this is ours. It has put us on the map and associated the club with successful names, watching the draw on Sunday there was Brighton, Charlton, Southampton and Hythe – how fantastic."

"Financially it's made sure of this year's budget and means we can do things we can't normally afford to do like buy a new white liner and renovate the bar."

Hythe opened the scoring nine minutes before the break when Mickelborough squeezed between a defender and goalkeeper Louis Wells to poke the ball into an empty net.

Staines regrouped after the break and pushed forward in search of an equaliser, but the Hythe defence, led superbly by Lee Shearer, held firm.

Cook hit the crossbar from 30 yards but his frustration was short-lived as the Town skipper headed home Mickelborough's cross on 81 minutes.

The only sour note was a second booking for Lee Winfield, deep into injury time, but Hythe hung on to spark jubilant scenes from the big crowd.



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CUP FIRST: Hythe Town players celebrate making it into the FA Cup first round proper for the first time in the club's history

Meeting with Kent FA to thrash out Town's future

FOOTBALL

BY TONY HUDD

THE future of Ashford Town should become clearer this week after chairman Ernie Warren meets with Kent County FA (KCFA) chief executive Keith Masters to resolve issues surrounding affiliation.

The club, who are attempting to re-emerge under the banner of Ashford Town Kent after the trauma of administration and expulsion from the Ryman League, need to be affiliated to the KCFA before taking the first faltering steps towards bringing football back to Homelands.

Former Town favourite and local speedway rider Tony Reynolds has been appointed manager with another ex-player, Paul Chambers, as his assistant.

But they remain as manager and assistant in waiting until such time as the club is affiliated.

Warren, a former chairman and trustee of the club, was meeting with Masters this week in the hope the KCFA will look favourably on their application and grant affiliation.

He said: "We're doing everything slowly and quietly. Nothing is being taken for granted."

"The KCFA have been incredibly supportive and hopefully we can move on a step further if they agree to us becoming affiliated."

Guidelines

"On some message boards, we've been accused of lacking ambition but that is not the truth. We are simply adhering to the guidelines and have been compliant with everything the football authorities have asked of us."

"By and large the response we've received from local supporters, and, indeed Kent football, has been extremely positive and we're grateful for the encouragement we've received."

"But I cannot stress enough that getting

affiliated is the key to everything and getting football back at Ashford."

Warren said he was carefully monitoring developments which has seen the Step 5 Kent League granted permission by the FA National Leagues Committee to form a Step 6 division. That would bridge the existing gap between Step 5 and Step 7, the Kent County League.

He said: "Let's just say that we're studying developments because there is no Step 6 in Kent at present. Maybe we'll know a lot more by the end of the month."

Asked why he had taken over probably the least envious chairmanship in the county, Warren said: "Because I'm mad. I was Ashford chairman when the club reached the FA Cup first round proper in successive seasons. We held Fulham and lost the replay at Craven Cottage."

"The following season we drew Watford. They were the good times. Now all the people who are giving of their time to resurrect this club, are convinced that those good times can return."

Ashford close in on top spot after heavy win

RUGBY

■ BY YOURASHFORD REPORTER

New Ash Green 0

Ashford 33

ASHFORD moved to within three points of top spot in Kent 1 after a thoroughly comprehensive victory at struggling New Ash Green.

After an even first ten minutes in which the two sides seemed to be testing each other out, it was the visitors that got the first points on the scoreboard.

After as many as seven phases of play, Dan Brown received the ball off the back of the ruck to claim his side's first try of the afternoon, which was converted by the reliable JJ Murray.

The home side hit back immediately and were camped in the Ashford 22 for the next ten minutes in an attempt to respond to the opening try, but they failed to find their way past a resolute defence.

The game was then brought to an abrupt halt when a New Ash Green player was knocked unconscious after a Pete Walsh tackle.

The two teams had to continue the game on the home side's second-team pitch as the physio staff awaited an ambulance.

When play finally did get under way, Ashford took control with another Brown try that was converted by Murray. The visitors were now in full control, with the forwards dominating up front and the backs executing their plans well as they took their 14-0 lead into half-time.

The visitors picked up where they left off in the second-half, with Joe Lakin embarking on a run that took him to the try line for Ashford's third score of the game. Murray again made no mistake with the conversion to give the away side a 21-0 lead.

Next on the scoresheet was Liam Murray, who finished off a move that had seen the ball pass through five sets of hands, and again the conversion was nailed.

The final try came from a well-worked move which Lakin completed after receiving the ball and storming over to score under the posts.

Still with 12 minutes left, the game was brought to a premature end when, after a New Ash Green player suffered a serious knee injury, the two captains shook on a result with the home side having used all their substitutes.

Ashford take on HSBC at Kinney's Field on Saturday, kick-off is at 3pm.



Picture: iOR/KIPCO

TRY: Ashford had a field day at New Ash Green, running in five tries

Green ease into next round of cup

FOOTBALL

BROMLEY Green cantered into the next round of the Les Leckie Cup after a routine 3-0 win against Kent County League Division Two side Broadstairs.

After losing in the final last time round, the Green camp aim to go one better this time and reward their loyal fan base by going a step further.

Taking the initiative from the start, the Green saw Dan Cornell's effort cleared off the line, while Rocky Hayles and Adam Mercer missed gilt-edged chances. At the other end Craig Smith needed to pull off a great stop in the 35th-minute and half-time arrived goalless. On the hour, Cornell was brought down in the box as the seashiders struggled to cope fitness-wise and Buster Beaney slotted

home. Ten minutes later Ryan Smith doubled the lead from a corner and a third followed after 80 minutes when defender Matt Hadlum added number three from a Marc Collins free-kick.

Elsewhere, Bromley Green reserves thumped their Platt United counterparts 6-0, with Lee Milton netting a hat-trick.

Early chances went begging before top-scorer Kenny Hallett scored from close range after 26 minutes. Milton rammed in with his left foot from 20 yards and Tom Welham made it three at half-time.

Another left-footer from Milton and a strike from the edge of the box from Welham really settled it beyond all doubt.

Often frustrated by the linesman's flag, the Green eventually beat it for their sixth and final goal when the influential Kevan Strand put Milton through to complete his hat-trick.



IN FORM: (l-r) Ryan Smith was on the scoresheet for the first-team, while Lee Milton hit a hat-trick for the reserves in a big win

LEAGUE TABLE

(Not including midweek games)

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	P	W	D	L	Pt
1 Otford Utd	6	3	3	0	12
2 APM	5	3	2	0	11
3 Bredhurst Juniors	5	3	2	0	11
4 Sheerness East	5	3	1	1	10
5 Staplehurst & Mon	6	2	2	2	8
6 Milton & Fulston	8	2	2	4	8
7 New Romney	5	2	1	2	7
8 Sheppey United	4	2	1	1	7
9 Bromley Green	3	1	1	1	4
10 Lark'd & N Hythe	5	0	2	3	2
11 Kennington	4	0	1	3	1
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FIXTURES (Saturday): Kent County League Division One East: Bromley Green v New Romney

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Business names top the bill at the B2B exhibition



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from the public sector, despite the fact that Chancellor George Osborne announced big cuts in that arena only last week.

Archant KOS Media commercial director Christine Davidson said BWL would appeal across all business sectors, from owners, entrepreneurs and managers of small and medium enterprises to large private and public organisations and agencies.

"BWL offers true value to attendees at a crucial time in their planning process, post-CSR and prior to the crunch year of 2011," she said.

"Every senior manager and every business owner needs to know where the opportunities will be."

She also spoke of the innovative zoning at the show which will enable those on tight timetables to head for the business sectors they needed to target.

And she highlighted the workshops providing hands on advice and information and the fresh approach of the Kent Business School clinics being offered for free at the show; companies can book a 30-minute slot with a team comprising MBA students, alumni and academics.

"No hard-pressed firm can really pass up on the chance of brainstorming with such experts when just one good tip could save their company," said Christine.

Exhibiting companies leading the line up at BWL include BT, East Malling.

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SPEAKERS' CORNER



SMART marketing and funding can turn a good idea into a profitable business, says an industry expert.

Phil Beavan, portfolio director for the Innovation and Growth Team, said too much focus is often put on a product without enough thought about how to bring in investment.

The straight-talking business guru will address Business Week Live delegates on 'Investment ready – how to catch your dragon'.

"You have to make sure the product is financially ready, that there will be high growth and a good exit route," he said.

"People have to make sure they are investment ready. There have been real horror stories where people have got a great product, but spend so much time focusing on that that they get nowhere and have lost a lot of money."

Mr Beavan said since he started with the Government-funded Kent and Medway Innovation and Growth Team in March, he has raised just over £500,000 in investment for businesses.



BUZZ words are out and straight-talking in says motivational speaker Neil Annis.

The Kent-based business expert will let Business Week Live delegates in on 'The Secret of being an Inspirational Manager'.

"I'm going to talk to people about how to get the best from themselves and how to adapt as a manager to keep staff motivated," he said.

"This is not about buzz words and hype – I really don't like that – this is about tips and advice that can be easily translated in any organisation.

"People need to be able to implement knowledge, skills and ideas into the workplace to run a successful business."



FACEBOOK, Twitter and other social networking websites have levelled the playing field between large and small businesses, says digital marketing specialist Jonnie Jensen.

Mr Jensen's Tmandi firm works with other companies to help them improve their internet

search ranking and teach them how to make the best use of modern technology – a must in business today he says.

He will talk about 'The Digital Revolution' at Business Week Live: "The digital revolution has enabled businesses of all sizes to compete against one another. In the earlier days of the internet it was all about who had the most money to spend. A classic example would be companies from the insurance sector buying the most expensive keywords so customers would always come to their sites first on search engines like Google.

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“The launch of Business Week earlier this year along with its online coverage, brought a welcome boost to the hard-pressed business community, so the Chamber and its members are delighted to learn of this well-timed follow-up.

It looks like a great and much-needed opportunity for people to do business, swap ideas and advice or even team up.



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With 3 choices of eating areas, Verve Restaurant, Victory Pub and Starbucks Coffee shop and free WIFI throughout it is a great place to stop either for business or pleasure.

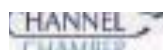
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